

Sermon Discussion Guide

December 11, 2022

READ

Read John 1:29–51 aloud and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap: *Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:*

- “All of us, whether we realize it or not, are searching for something—something to give us identity, security and happiness.”
- “The Savior came first not as a Lion but as a Lamb, to die for sins. That’s where the real power of God was displayed—because see, through his death, Jesus conquered our greatest enemy, sin; and in his resurrection, he vanquished our greatest fear, death.”
- “What does it mean to become a Christian? According to the Gospels, very simply, to start to follow Jesus. Jesus invites people everywhere, anywhere, to follow him.”
- “A disciple doesn’t want to merely know what his master knows; he or she also wants to do what his master does. How did he live? What were his priorities?”

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. On a typical week, how often do you experience actual silence (no radio, no internet, etc.)? In those moments, where does your mind go? Why? What are some things you might do this week to create that space? Could those become a weekly rhythm?
2. Pastor J.D. talked about names that define our past/present. What “names” have shaped your self-identity? How does that affect you? After discussing, take some time to “preach the gospel to yourselves,” countering these names with specific gospel promises.
3. What are some common misconceptions about what it means to follow Jesus? In your own words, describe what makes someone a disciple of Jesus.
4. Pastor J.D. spoke about the five identities of a disciple: worshiper, family member, servant, steward, and witness. In which of these have you seen growth this year? Where do you want to grow more?

Weekly Response Questions	Prayer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Reflect: Consider what it means for God to fully know and fully love you.<input type="checkbox"/> Respond: How do you want to grow in following Jesus?<input type="checkbox"/> Reach: Who around you doesn’t feel known or loved?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Praise God for coming as the Lamb of God to take away our sins.<input type="checkbox"/> Ask God to make us a small group that encourages each other to not only know what Jesus says, but do what he commands.