

Come and See, then Pass It On

Pastor Jeff Bucknam | John 1:35–51

NOTE: As a guide, use these questions to help with group and family discussion, or for personal reflection. Not all questions are needed. Select the ones that will best serve your group as you grow in Christ together through His Word. *Soli Deo Gloria.*

Ice Breaker

What was your last positive experience with evangelism? What was your last negative experience with it? What makes evangelism often awkward or hard?

Understanding The Text In Context

Previously in John's Gospel, John the Baptist has been a key witness, pointing people to Jesus, inviting them to investigate Jesus more closely. He continues at the beginning of our text (John 1:35-36). "Invitation" leads to another's "investigation." Compare the Invitation - Investigation pattern that started with John's Invitation (v 35-39), which led to Andrew's Invitations (v 40-43), which led to Philip's Invitation (v. 44-51). In those sections, who's Inviting? Who's Investigating? What do you see in the text about the relationships of the people involved?

Connecting To Jesus And His Gospel

Jesus is the Lamb of God (John 1:29 and 1:36) who takes away our sins! He invites us into a relationship with him. What does it look like for you to pursue the Lord deeper? How can a deeper pursuit of the Lord drive you to share the gospel out of delight in Him rather than mere obligation?

Living Out The Truth

Think about the things that you're known for. What do people always hear from you because you're

excited/passionate about them? Do you feel like Jesus and his gospel are one of those things? When was the last time you were overflowing with delight in Jesus?

Read Romans 10:14-17. Why does God use people's "beautiful feet" to share the Gospel (instead of skywriting or visits from angels)? What does that say about the value of relationships? Whose "feet" helped you hear and believe?

Pray to the Lord for a growing and renewed delight in Him and His message, that you may excitedly share it with others in the coming week. Pray for one another, for opportunities to invite people to investigate Jesus. Pray for specific people.

Parenting Moment And Family Focus

What would it look like to build a "come and see" culture in your home where experiencing Jesus is natural and visible? What's one specific, realistic habit you could start (or restart) as a family this week?

Your family will imitate what you get excited about. Where are they currently seeing genuine joy in your life, and is Jesus clearly part of that? What's one way you can visibly model delight in Jesus in front of your family this week?

Further Study

To grow in your delight in God, read *The Dangerous Duty of Delight* by John Piper, free at this [Desiring God Ministries page](#).

For inviting others to investigate Jesus and his Gospel, what are key truths to know to tell? Go to [Two Ways to Live](#).

A few articles to encourage and equip us: "[Abiding Fuels Evangelism](#)," "[A Coward's Guide to Evangelism](#)," and "[Hope-Filled Evangelism](#)."

Looking ahead to next week's Sermon and Text:

- Read the three sections in the Scripture Journals for John 2:1-11: "To Be Pure," "What Does Wine Mean?" and "Jesus is the New Wine."