

Chair One: The Seeker

MAIN THING Jesus' first invitation is to "Come And See"

SCRIPTURE

John 1:35-39, Luke 7:22, Luke 17:11-19

ICEBREAKER

The best thing about summer is

OPENING THOUGHT

As we will see in this series, Jesus makes a series of invitations to His disciples, starting with very basic and increasing in commitment as they grow deeper. We don't expect non-Christians to start making disciples- that's like expecting a first grader to do Calculus. Jesus starts His ministry by telling the men to "Come and see."

The needs of the lost, the seeker, are very prominent. They need a wiling heart to follow God, but more importantly, they need a follower of God to show them the way. The question we have to ask ourselves is this, "Are we showing the way?"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the one thing that you heard this past Sunday that stuck out to you? Why did it resonate with you like it did?

2. The sermon identified three things that Jesus invites us to "come and see,"- 1) His example, 2) Our own brokenness and sin, and 3) the glory of God. Why are ALL these things essential for people to see before they can become followers of Jesus?

3. The seeker needs a strong example to follow in order to become a disciple. What are some things that a seeker would need to see in the life of a believer that would help them move to the next chair?

LIFE APPLICATION

Surveys show that only about 10% of Christians will ever lead another person to Christ in their lifetimes. 90% of people will never have the joy and privilege of seeing a friend or family member repent, accept Christ, and be baptized. Why do you think this is, after such clear commands by Jesus to Go-Baptize-Teach?

The church could double in a year if every person simply led one person to Christ. Churches would experience exponential growth if every believer simple made it their goal to win one person to Christ during their lifetime. Do you think that our church is capable of doing this? Are we capable of simply doing what Jesus commanded us to do?

CHALLENGE

On Sunday you should have received the "Do you know your neighbor" sheet. This summer, each family in your group take on the challenge of building relationships with each person on the sheet. What are some ways to do that?