



THE THREAD

weaving Sunday's message through the week

Date: January 5, 2020

Passage: John 1:19–51

Theme: Witness and Disciple

Sermonic Point: We display the glory and grace of God as a witness and follower of Jesus.

1. Witness (1:19–34)

- Identity of the witness:
 - I am not the point.
 - I am simply an instrument to point to Jesus.
- Content of the witness:
 - Look to Jesus who can truly save.
 - Look at the work God is doing through Jesus.

2. Follower (1:35–51)

- What followers realize:
 - Jesus is God's means of salvation
 - Jesus is Messiah
 - Jesus is the climax of scripture
 - Jesus is God's unique Son
 - Jesus is King
 - Jesus is the one who shows us God.
- How followers respond:
 - Hear and follow
 - Desire to be with Jesus
 - Find others to lead to Jesus
 - Imitate Jesus's own work

Application Questions:

1. Apart from a biblical context, how do we understand and define the terms witness and follower? List both positive and negative connotations.
2. From verses 19–34, what did you learn about John's witness that you can apply to your own witness to Jesus?
3. In vv. 35–51, what realizations do the various disciples come to concerning the identity of Jesus? Which of these particularly sticks out to you?
4. Of the various witnesses and followers of Jesus seen here, in which one do you see yourself most clearly? Why?
5. Which of the responses by the followers of Jesus in this text do you struggle with the most? How has this text challenged you in addressing this area so that you display the glory and grace of Jesus?

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