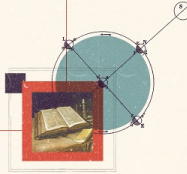




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Grace & Truth Week 2: John 1:19-51

In the passage we considered this week, Jesus gained his first disciples. From the account we learned four principles of Christian discipleship: 1) Disciples gain their identity from Jesus, 2) they want to be with Jesus & pursue him, 3) they lead others to Jesus, and 4) they begin to speak & act like Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

- Like John the Baptist, our identity is formed by understanding who Jesus is and who we are in relation to him. What are some specific aspects of our identity in Christ that keep us grounded in a culture where the concept of identity is convoluted?
- If a Christian told you that he tried to spend time each day reading the Bible and praying, but it wasn't doing anything for him, how would you counsel him? Be specific.
- When John's disciples asked Jesus where he was staying, instead of answering their question, he gave them an invitation (1:38-39). How does it strengthen our faith to step out and follow Jesus even though he may not answer our questions the way we would like?
- In leading others to Jesus, it is often difficult to turn a conversation to spiritual matters. What are some effective ways to do this?
- What is your biggest obstacle that keeps you from telling others about Jesus? Fear of what they may think? Lack of biblical knowledge? Fear about not being able to answer objections? Lack of opportunities? How can these obstacles be overcome?