

Life Changing Community Group Discussion Questions

week of 1/18/26

Summary

This sermon focused on the early days of Jesus' ministry as recorded in John's Gospel, emphasizing how people came to know Jesus as the Messiah. Pastor Mark began with a personal testimony about Jesus being the absolute center of his life, then walked through the story of John the Baptist pointing to Jesus, Andrew and another disciple following Jesus, and the chain reaction of people bringing others to meet Jesus. The key message was that while we are called to testify and point others to Jesus, it is ultimately Jesus himself who reveals his identity as the Christ to people. Our role is simply to be faithful witnesses who bring people into Jesus' presence, and then trust the Holy Spirit to do the work of revelation.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we gather today as your people, hungry to hear from you and learn from your Word. We thank you for the testimony of those who have pointed us to Jesus, and for your faithfulness in revealing yourself to us. As we discuss this message together, open our hearts and minds to what you want to teach us today. Help us to be receptive to your Spirit's leading and give us courage to apply what we learn to our daily lives. May our time together draw us closer to you and to one another. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Ice Breaker

Share about someone who introduced you to something you now really enjoy - it could be a hobby, a restaurant, a book, or anything else. What made their recommendation so effective?

Key Verses

John 1:29

John 1:35-39

John 1:40-42

John 1:43-46

Matthew 16:17

Questions

1. Pastor Mark shared his personal testimony about Jesus being the center of his life. How would you describe what Jesus means to you?
2. John the Baptist's sole purpose was to point people to Jesus. What do you think it means for us to have that same kind of focused mission in our daily lives?

3. In the story, Jesus asked the disciples 'What are you looking for?' If Jesus asked you that question today, how would you respond?
4. The sermon emphasized that 'only Jesus reveals Jesus.' How does this truth change the way we approach sharing our faith with others?
5. Andrew immediately brought his brother Peter to Jesus after discovering who Jesus was. Who in your life might God be calling you to 'bring to Jesus'?
6. Pastor Mark mentioned that sometimes we think we have to 'create the environment, present the gospel, and close the deal all in 10 minutes.' How does this story challenge that approach to evangelism?
7. What role does prayer play in helping others come to know Jesus, according to this message?
8. The disciples spent time with Jesus and 'remained with him.' How can we practically 'remain with Jesus' in our busy daily lives?

Life Application

This week, identify one person in your life who doesn't know Jesus personally. Instead of feeling pressure to present the entire gospel, simply look for an opportunity to share what Jesus means to you or invite them to 'come and see' by joining you for a church service or Christian event. Commit to praying daily for this person, asking God to reveal himself to them.

Key Takeaways

- Our role in evangelism is to testify about Jesus and point people to him, while trusting that Jesus himself will reveal his identity to them
- Effective witnessing can be as simple as sharing what Jesus means to us and inviting others to spend time with him
- Prayer and intercession for others may be one of the most powerful forms of evangelism we can practice
- Jesus is the one who does the work of revelation - we cannot convince anyone through argument or proof alone

- Following the example of Andrew, we should look for opportunities to bring people to Jesus rather than trying to do all the convincing ourselves

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for revealing yourself to us and for making yourself the center of our lives. We are grateful for those who pointed us to you, just as John the Baptist, Andrew, and Philip pointed others to you. Give us boldness to testify about what you mean to us, and help us trust you to do the work of revealing yourself to others. Show us who you want us to bring to you this week, and give us wisdom to know how to invite them to 'come and see.' May we be faithful witnesses who point others to you, knowing that you are the one who saves and transforms hearts. Help us to remain with you daily, drawing our strength, peace, and joy from your presence. In your precious name we pray, Amen.