SERMON SERIES: ONE ON ONE WITH JESUS

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Key Line

"Jesus and the Skeptic"

Introduction

Last week we wrapped up our Summer Playlist series, where we learned about a few of the psalms that we can be singing in our own lives. This week we kick off a new series, One on One with Jesus. This week specifically, we are looking at the story in John 1 of Jesus and the skeptic to learn about how a relationship with Jesus is something to be experienced.

 Do you have any one on one conversations that will always stick with you? (Something you needed to hear, something humorous, something challenging, etc.)

Seek the Word

Read John 1:35-50.

- In verses 38 and 39, the disciples ask Jesus where He was staying. Why did they ask this?
- What does verse 43 tell us about Jesus' desire to spend time with people?
- What do verses 44-45 tell us about the most effective way to spread the Gospel?
- How do verses 47-50 reflect God's heart for His people?

Go Deeper

Jesus was intentional in His conversations with others, and some of the closest people to Him were the Disciples. Using either the Logos or Blue Letter Bible apps, search for some of the one-on-one conversations Jesus had when He called each of the twelve to be disciples. What was the setting? How were the conversations similar and different from each other?

Talk About It

- Do you ever have trouble explaining Jesus to people who don't know Him?
- There are three types of barriers between people and God: Intellectual, emotional, and volitional. Which of the three barriers do you find hardest to remove?
- How can we feel knowing that Jesus is more interested in genuine relationship rather than mindless rule-keeping?
- Is there a one on one conversation you feel like God is calling you to?

Wrap Up

Reminder: "Jesus is better experienced than explained."

Challenge: Over the next seven days, choose one new habit you can implement in your daily routine that will bring you closer to Jesus.