



**The Gospel of John: Running Into Jesus** Pastor Chad Ellenburg  
Text: John 1:19-42 (page 886-887)

Day 1: Who am I? (John 1:19-28)

Day 2: Who is Jesus? (John 1:29-34)

Day 3: Who is Jesus to those who know me? (John 1:35-42)

**Memory Verse:**

John 1:29

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said,  
“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

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**Food for Thought for the week of April 29, 2018**

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. Spend some time talking about, or reflecting on, the things in your life (apart from Jesus) that have given you significance. What if they were all taken away? Honestly answer the question, “Who am I?”

2. John’s “voice in the wilderness” wasn’t very loud from a worldly perspective. And yet, he was preparing the world for the Word of God and his message would prove to be effective. What can we learn from this approach?

3. John was simultaneously discovering who Jesus was and telling others about Him. In other words, he didn’t have all of his own questions answered but was pointing people to Christ anyway. Discuss or reflect on this as it relates to faith and doubt.

4. The Apostle John is giving an account of the “testimony” of John the Baptist. The court room and jurors of the world are gathered and God is on trial. Discuss the difference between this and a casual opinion about Jesus.

5. Jesus’ life on earth began (and continues) with people talking about Him, looking for Him, seeking to hurt Him or worship Him. Some of these with evil intent and others with sincere hearts. Where are you in that story?

6. John knew his purpose on this earth. He was here to point to Christ and nothing else. Those who had followed him into the wilderness to be baptized knew exactly what to do when they ran into Jesus - they followed Him and left John. In what ways do we do this well? What are the challenges? How can we grow in our ability to prepare a way for Jesus for others?