

January 5 Discussion Questions

“Jesus Changes Everything”

John 1:32-51

Review

The Seven Realities of Experiencing God

1. God is always at **work** around you
2. God pursues a love **relationship** with you
3. God invites you to **join** Him in His work
4. God **speaks** to you through His Spirit and His Word
5. This always leads to a Crisis of **Belief**
6. You must make major **adjustments** in your life
7. You experience God as you **obey** Him

A Question: about the **gifts** Jesus offers:

“What are you seeking?” v. 38

- Wisdom, healing, forgiveness, eternal life, purpose, power
- Or **Jesus** Himself?

An Invitation: to learn who Jesus **is**

“Come and you will see.” v. 38-42

- Jesus is The **Lord** v. 1
- Jesus is The **Light** v. 1,9
- Jesus is The **Lamb** v. 29
- Jesus is The **Life** v. 3-4, 33

If you don't have Jesus you have **nothing** (1 John 5:12)

If you have Jesus you have **everything** (Eph. 1:3)

A Command:

“Follow me.” v. 43

- **Turn** from your path to judgment (Acts 17:30-31)
- Commit **everything** to Jesus (Mark 8:34)

A Promise: for this life and for eternity

“You will see greater things than these.” v. 50-51

Connect

1. Share one of your greatest experiences in this life. What made it special? How did it make you feel?
2. What does it mean to you to experience God? How is it different than other experiences?

Read John 1:32-51

Discuss

3. What are the seven realities of experiencing God? Do you agree with these? How have you seen this pattern at work in your life?
4. Why do we often struggle to experience God? What gets in your way of experiencing Him?
5. Read John 15:5. (1) What does this verse communicate about our need for Jesus? (2) What is the nature of the “nothing” we can do? (3) How does the way we do ministry change as a result of this verse?
6. When God speaks to us, just as He initially did to the disciples, we often have a “crisis of belief.” How would you define this? Share a crisis of belief you experienced before turning to Jesus in obedience or away in disbelief.

Apply

7. In v.38 Jesus asked His initial followers, “What are you seeking?” While we love the Giver, we also tend to follow Him for His gifts. How have you matured over time in relation to your motivation for seeking Jesus?
8. Share a time when you have adjusted your life agenda in order to obey God. What was the outcome? Was it worth the sacrifice?
9. Jesus calls us to commit everything to Him. What part of your life can you more fully commit to Him?
10. Jesus told Nathanael that he would see “greater things” by following Him. What “greater things” do you think God wants to do in your life and through your life?

Pray

11. Commit this coming season to experiencing God more. Confess failures to experience God more in the past and express desire and readiness to have Him do a new work in you this year.