

“Come and See”

John 1:35-49

Main Idea: Other people come to faith in Jesus Christ because of personal connections with believers.

1. The Ripple Effect of Relationships

John the Baptizer - “Behold, the Lamb of God!” (vs. 35-37)

↳ John, son of Zebedee (Matthew 4:21-22)

↳ James, son of Zebedee

↳ Andrew - “We have found the Messiah” (vs. 38-42)

↳ Simon {Peter} - “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Matthew 16:16)

↳ Philip - “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law...” (vs. 43-49)

↳ Nathaniel {Bartholomew} - “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.”

2. The Principle of Bonding

- Relationships are the glue that bonds people to the church.
 - The fewer relationships a person has in a church, the more apt that person is to leave.
 - The more relationships a person has in a church, the greater their potential for staying and participation.
- It takes, on average, 7 “touches” and 3 “hearings” for some to come to Christ.
 - Touches = Personal contacts
 - Hearings = Clear presentations of the Good News

3. The Power of an Invitation

- Jesus invitation to “come and see” transformed lives.
- The disciples’ invitation to “come and see” radically changed lives.
- Who are you inviting to come and see?

Action Steps:

Over the next 30 days...

- Pray each day for 5 unsaved people.
- Receive and read an email and/or text.
- Participate in at least one prayer walk.
- Send a note or email to 5 people.
- Invite at least 8 people to visit our church.