

SERMON QUESTIONS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023 | JOHN 1:35-51

This week, Neal talked about the beginning of Jesus' ministry on earth. In John chapter 1, we see Jesus call the first disciples and begin to teach them. At the end of his time with them, Jesus commands the disciples to carry on his work and make disciples, which has been a foundational aspect of the church ever since. This week we'll talk about how this plays out in our lives.

1. Have you ever received bad directions or gotten in trouble because of bad advice?
2. **Read John 1:35-42.** This is where we see people start following Jesus and becoming disciples. Who are mentors or people in your life that you have followed? Has following them been a good thing or a bad thing in your life?
3. When the disciples followed Jesus, it meant that they lived with him, ate with him, and spent almost all their time with him. Are you spending time with Him? Do you want to spend more time with him? If so, what are some ways you can increase your time with Jesus?
4. **Read John 1:40-42.** Andrew goes to his brother and recruits him to follow Jesus too. When you receive good news or discover something awesome, do you tell people about it? Why do you think we as humans like inviting others into exciting things? Do we treat the good news of Jesus the same way as the other good news in our lives?
5. **Read John 1:43-46.** Again, we see a disciple invite another to come see Jesus. This time, though, the invitation is met with skepticism. Have you been skeptical of Jesus? What are the things you have a hard time accepting about Him?
6. **Read Matthew 28:18-20.** Jesus had invited his disciples into a life-changing journey, taught them and lived with them for three years, proven to them he is who he says he is, and is now departing from them. He leaves them with a command to carry on his work in his absence. Who do you need to invite into this life-changing journey? Who can you spend time with in order to open their eyes to who Jesus is?
7. Spend time sharing prayer requests and praying for each other. Pray that this week each of you would invite someone into the life change that only Jesus can provide.