

May 28th, 2023
**What Are You Looking For
(This Summer)?**
John 1:38-43

Open with prayer

Read for insight into the scripture

Whether you are listening and discussing this for summer or any other season in life, it is important for us to stop and take stock of what we are actually doing day in and day out with our life.

After you spend time discussing the scripture with your group, we want you to answer this question;

What would you like for summer 2023 to be known for? What are you looking for?

While we continue on, keep this question in mind.

This week Matt talked about Jesus' encounter with some of the first disciples. They had heard about this Jesus and walked along behind him to get a glimpse of him or to learn more. This is a great place for us to start while we are considering this question, Is Jesus just an idea of a person for us, or do we know him personally? Are you curiously seeking to get to know him more?

ReadTogether

John 1:38-43

- **What stands out to you?**
- **Who were the 2 disciples following at first?**
- **If these men were listening to, and believing that John the Baptist was teaching truth, they saw that they had access to the promised messiah. Instead of dismissing John the Baptist, what did they do?**
- **What is the first thing that Jesus says to them?**
- **What do you notice about their response?**
 - **These two men call him "Rabbi." Why do think this is important?**
 - Why does one have a rabbi??
 - To learn/know what he knows.
 - To do what he does.
 - In order to become like him.

Then they ask him, "where are you staying? Knowing what I just stated about a rabbi, why do you think this matters to them?"

- **In vs 39, what is Jesus Response?**

It is very important for us to take note of how Jesus interacts with these men. Note what he does and what he does not do. He does NOT:

- give them a theological (study of God) structure they have to adhere to in order to get to know him.
- Give them a list of things to do and do not do.

He does:

- **Invite** them to come and **SEE**.

Our journey of following Jesus is an answer to invitation. Jesus commands nothing of us before we know him. But once we do, he expects us to take it seriously.

In the rest of this scripture we see change takes place.

1. The disciples go to his house and they are welcome to STAY
2. They bring someone else to Jesus. (It must have been pretty great to be with Him.)
3. Jesus literally offers new identity to Simon Peter.
4. The next day Jesus extends the invitation to one more by simply inviting him to "Follow Me."

- **What stands out to you in this sequence of events?**
- **According to this scripture, what can we expect happens when we receive the invitation to "come and see."**

Now, answer the question, **"What are you looking for (this summer)?"**

Practice:

Consider the invitation of Jesus in your life? What do you think He may be inviting you into? If you are blowing and going at a pace that leaves no room for silence, I want to invite you into the stillness. If you are already honoring time of stillness in your life that is rich with prayer, consider a fast. Spend one day from sun up till sundown, (or a reasonable dinner time) spending the time that would be spent shopping, prepping, cooking, eating and cleaning asking the Lord to reveal to you what he might have for you in this season.

Anyone have any thoughts or questions?

Prayer Request and closing Prayer

Ask if anyone has any prayers they would like to add to our prayer team, report back to Sarah. sarah@thechapelatseaside.com