

Saturday & Sunday, September 23 & 24, 2017



Making Disciples

John 17:16-18 (NIV) ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth: your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

John 1:19-23,27,29 (NIV) ¹⁹ Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰ He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹ They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." ²² Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" ... ²⁷ He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." ... ²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Two Disciples, Two Questions...

John 1:35-38 (ESV) ³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

- What are you SEEKING?
- Where are you STAYING?

John 1:39 (NIV) "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

- This is the beginning of a three year journey.

Making Disciples...

- Sharing your life with someone. Come and See.

- Let's CONNECT and do life together. Faith is played out in everyday life.
- Opportunities will present themselves to share your faith and invite people to church.

The GOSPEL is meant to be read, spoken and lived out!

The disciple's journey and interaction with Jesus shows us something that we all desire, something AUTHENTIC! Come and See.

Authenticity Has These Characteristics...

Matthew 5:13 (NIV) "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

- Confesses Jesus as Lord. 1 John 4:15
- Is miserable when we sin. 1 John 3:19
- Enjoys fellowship with other believers. 1 John 5:1
- Obeys the commands of Jesus. 1 John 5:3
- Loves and obeys the Word of God. 1 John 2:5

Inviting people to church is not discipleship. Show them Jesus, both inside and outside the church.

Life Groups

Scriptures that Relate:

Monday: 1 John 1
Tuesday: 1 John 2

Wednesday: 1 John 3
Thursday: 1 John 4

Friday: 1 John 5
Saturday: 2 John 1

Talk it Over:

1. What does it mean to be sent into the world?
2. What does Jesus mean by "Come and See"?
3. What gets in the way of sharing your life with others?
4. Why is authenticity so attractive to people that are seeking?
5. Who is that one that God is calling you to share your life with?

Pastor Nathan's Prayer Requests

Monday: Pray for the church leadership as they prayerfully lead us.

Tuesday: Pray for Pastor Brian as he prepares the message God is giving him.

Wednesday: Pray for our discipleship classes and life groups.

Thursday: **Pray for the Worship Arts department as we plan to deliver God's Word through art.**

Friday: Pray for the youth and children in our church to be an impact to the people around them.

Saturday: Pray for our weekend services and those attending.