

The Marks of a Discipled Church

John 1:35-51

Children's Message - Sign Posts

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Signpost

Cross on a Church

Person

Are we a rock of a sign on a stick?

No! it is what we do and what we say that is the sign.

Are we kind, loving, joyful and considerate?

Or are we mean, angry, careless and selfish?

There are people in our lives who are signposts to the Kingdom.

We are signposts to the kingdom of God.

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Christ Centred (1:35-37)

John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the messiah and tells two of his own followers.

This is significant because they are not following him, they are to follow someone else and that someone is Jesus.

John is himself a disciple of Jesus and so it's not about himself.

He always point others to Jesus.

The Missional Life is not self-centred but Christ centred.

Jesus be the Centre.

Following (1:38-39)

Thirsty, Responsive, Seeking, Personal, Relational

These two disciples are curious about Jesus and follow him.

Then Jesus asks what they want and invites them to "come and see."

"Come and See" is what it means to live missionally.

Followers make the best leaders.

The Missional Life is one that responds to Jesus' invitation to "Come & See."

Jesus, I want to follow You.

Growing (1:40-42)

Andrew, and later Philip believe Jesus is the Messiah.

They are not yet aware that Jesus is divine.

They are in a constant growing process of learning about who Jesus is and what he is doing.

There is no stagnation.

The Missional Life is one that is always growing in its understanding and relationship with God.

Jesus, teach me who you are.

Participating (1:43-48)

Philip goes to Nathanael and tell him about Jesus saying, "Come and See."

Nathanael is skeptical when he first meets Jesus but Jesus says that he already knew about Nathanael.

God is already at work in the lives of those we invite.

In fact, he is already looking at them and for them.

The Missional Life is about God's love for those who do not know him.

I want to tell others about you.

Worshipping (1:49-51)

Nathanael, realizing that Jesus is indeed the Messiah, praises him.

When a person grows in their knowledge of God, they are led to worship him.

This growing knowledge and relationship always leads to worship.

The Missional Life is a life that is lived in wonder and worship.

I worship you.