

What Do You Want?

John 1:35-39 (read John 1:19-42)

A brief explanation of the Gospel of John

Pointing to Jesus

John the Baptist knows who Jesus is so he points other towards him.
Explain, “Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.”

The Ultimate Question

Pointed towards Jesus the two disciples follow him.

Jesus asks “What do you want?”

Jesus is asking us the same question today.

It is the most important question we will encounter in life.

Because it zeroes in on what we really want in life

- your motivations and the direction of your heart

Your deepest longings, and questions.

Why are you here?

Why do you go to church?

Why are you a part of F3C?

Why are we in this spiritual community?

What are you looking for?

What are you longing for?

Do you even know the answer?

And why do we want what we want?

Why do we follow Jesus?

Not to worry, they had trouble answering too.

Maybe they didn't know.

So they answered, “Where do you live?”

Maybe – where are you going?

Do we, like the disciples stumble over the question?

This question tells me something about Jesus, about God.

He wants us to ask the hard questions

– in fact he reveals that we actually don't know the answers.

[meditate and fill in the sheets of paper.]

The Spiritual Invitation

Jesus didn't judge them or give them a set of rules.

He just said – "Come and see."

Jesus' invitation to us is the same: come and see.

Not just *where* he lives, but *how* he lives.

Not just *how* he lives but *why*.

When we see what he is really about

it may challenge the answer to what we really want in life.

This is the entire purpose of Salvation

– the realignment of our souls towards God.

To see and then decide whether or not we will follow.

Following Jesus is the entirety of the Spiritual Life

It is the invitation to follow Jesus and see where he is going.

The spiritual life becomes boring or mundane when we cease to see.

When we think we already know.

When we stop following.

An example is what happened at retreat.

God is revealing himself because we are simply following him.

So tell me what have you seen in your time following him?

What questions do you have?

And what might God be inviting you to?

Forgiveness? Courage? Assertiveness? Rest? Confession?

By being real, by following, we point others to Jesus.