

York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 23rd August 2020

The Gospel of John - The Call of God
John 1



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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GETTING STARTED

Q1. If you have accepted Christ, can you recall what that moment was like? If you have not accepted Christ, what is it about Him that has drawn you to want to look into Christianity?

Q2. Can you think of a time when you were so focused on something that nothing else mattered?

Q3. Can you think of a time when you saw someone come to faith in Jesus for the very first time? What did you notice about that person?

INTO THE WORD

Read John 1:1-3

Q4. We see that John refers to Genesis 1:1 in this passage and speaks about how Christ was with God at the beginning. What stands out to you about the 'Word' that is spoken about in this passage?

Read John 1:14

Q5. God comes to earth to live amongst us, fully God and fully human. Why do you think this is important? Why is the humanity of Jesus relevant to today?

Read John 1:29-34

Q6. John the Baptist speaks of Jesus' baptism, can you see any links to the purpose and power that were shown through Jesus in these passages?

GOING DEEPER

Read Galatians 1:35-42

Q7. Jesus begins to call his disciples in this passage. The words “come follow me” (found in the following verse 43) were used to invite people into a lifestyle of learning from the master, to sit beside them and learn from them with the ultimate goal of being like them.

How can becoming more like Jesus be of benefit to us? What would it be like if we chose to live how Jesus lived, if we decided to not just think of what Jesus would do, but embrace a lifestyle that was in partnership with Jesus, honouring the call to be His disciple?

What changes would you need to make to live this way? What is appealing about this? What would be hard?

Pray

Heavenly Father, help us not only to be followers of Christ, but to become true disciples of Jesus. Allow us to live how He lived and become more like Him each and every day, and in doing so, let others be drawn to the Light that is Jesus, the Light we seek in the darkness of the world. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.