

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

GOSPEL OF JOHN: COME & SEE

John looks at the many and varied responses people had to Jesus, especially in the light of this inconceivable thought that God had become one of us. It is a patchwork of stories of people encountering the 'Logos' - some being offended, attracted, healed, restored, delivered... As you work your way through the Gospel of John, notice it is constantly asking, "Who is Jesus?" John's big idea is to "COME AND SEE for yourself".



WHEN YOU MEET:

Fortnight starting Sunday 5 March

TESTIMONY TIME: Have one person in the group share what they've been learning about Jesus.

PRAY: Share praise points and pain points, and think about who else around us might need prayer (e.g. those affected by natural disaster, COVID, war...)

READ: John 6

DISCUSS: (just choose 2 or 3)

1. Re-read verses 5 & 6. What was Jesus testing in Philip? Why? Can you share a time when you felt like Jesus was testing you?
2. Re-read verses 26 & 27. Discuss what were the different motives in the crowd.
3. We often look at a crowd as a sign of success. (eg. if the church is full, we assume we must be doing something right) But what does this passage teach us about Jesus' signs of success, and how might that make us rethink our own metrics?
4. Re-read verse 60. Why do you think Jesus preached this way?
5. What is it about Jesus you have found hard to accept or offensive?
6. Scott shared an illustration of Charlotte stuck between taking the ride and going back down - and how, in a similar way, we can be stuck between the implications of wholehearted discipleship and walking away, as both can feel too hard. Discuss in your group this feeling of being stuck.

PRAY: Take 10 minutes to work through Examen together. You may want to allow a few moments, afterwards, for people to share what happened. Find more information and audio files on the website:

<https://grlc.org.au/2020/10/08/daily-examen/>