

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 30 April

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. our Mission Partners and those they are reaching)

READ: Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 24:46-49, John 20:21-22, Acts 1:8

DISCUSS:

1. In each passage, what stands out for you? Putting them all together, what do you learn about the nature of being 'sent'?
2. Scott mentioned that in John alone, Jesus says over 40 times He was sent by the Father. Pull out your Bible app and search the word 'sent' in John. Get each member of the group to read out one or two examples.
3. Scott pointed out that Jesus' referring to Himself as sent focused less on the task and more on the Sender (i.e. Jesus' focus was relationship with His Father, and work flowed from that.) To what extent can we tend to flip this in life - becoming focused on the task and forgetting the Father?
4. Scott shared a story of his great-grandfather's reluctant journey into open-air evangelism back in the 1920's. Have you ever heard the call of God to do something that you were reluctant to do? Can you share what it was? Is there someone or something you feel God is sending you to today that you are resisting?
5. Scott described 'sent' as, "not so much an assignment or a destination which you turn on or off, but a way of seeing your life, and every moment of your life, as purposed in Christ and precious for reasons greater than yourself." That all sounds good in theory, but discuss together what new disciplines, habits or changes might you need to start to make in life to begin to naturally see yourself as living 'sent' on a daily basis? Would you be prepared to share this with your group and ask them to keep you accountable?

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/>