Community Group Discussion Guide Week 2 - Lord Over All John 1:35-51

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Read John 1:35-51 before answering the following questions.

Introduction

The Gospel of John provides the most comprehensive and penetrating answer to the central question of history. And that is... Who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus made a monumental claim about himself in the 14th chapter of John's gospel. He said: "I am the way and the truth and the life." When we understand who Jesus is, it changes everything.

In this week's text we see the response that some of Jesus' earliest followers had to Him. The words that they said about Him give us insight into who Jesus is and what that means for our lives.

Next week's Message:

John 1:1-18, 29

Questions for Study

- 1. If you were to summarize last week's text in one sentence what would you say?
- 2. Do you remember the moment when you first met Jesus? What was it like? What did you think, what did you feel?
- 3. Why did John write this Gospel? See John 1:6-7 & 20:31.
- 4. What was the call or the purpose behind what John the Baptist was doing? See John 1:29-31.
- 5. Reading John 1:35-51, what facts do you learn about these men and what do you learn about Jesus from what they said:
 - John the Baptist
 - Andrew
 - Simon Peter
 - Phillip
 - Nathanael
- 6. We see that the disciples used various titles for Jesus, including Lamb of God, Rabbi (Teacher), Messiah (Christ), Son of God and King of Israel. If you were to use one of these titles for Jesus, which would you use and why?
- 7. It's also evident that the disciples didn't have the full picture of who Jesus was. They saw Jesus as a ruling King (one that they longed for) but they missed the side of Him that would suffer, the side of Him that would serve. Look at Luke 9:46-48 & Mark 10:35-45. What do you think was going through the disciple's minds? What did Jesus want them to know?
- 8. If Jesus were to ask you today, "What are you seeking?" What would your answer be? If Jesus were to ask your family, close friends or co-workers, what you are seeking, would their answer differ from yours and why?