

Sermon Notes

The Journey toward Faith (John 1:19-52)

First Steps

1. Recognizing my need for more (19-28)

2. Hearing about Jesus (29-34)

3. Getting to know Jesus (35-52).

For Further Thought and Discussion

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. Where are you in your journey toward faith? What's the next step?

Going Deeper

3. Please read John 1:19-28. This is a description of how John meets Jesus. How do we know John 1-4 occurred before Matthew 4, Mark 1 and Luke 4? Why had John and his friends come to hear John the Baptist? Who does John say he is and is not? Why would his answer be disappointing to the religious leaders? To his own disciples?

How has a need for more played a role in your own journey toward faith?

4. Please read John 1:29-34. What is faith according to Romans 10:17? Why can we have knowledge without faith but not faith without knowledge? What does John the Baptist reveal about Jesus in this passage? How would the Baptist's description of Jesus be surprising to John and his other disciples?

How did you first hear about the real Jesus?

5. Please read John 1:35-52. What do you notice about the way Jesus' first disciples came to believe in Him? How did you first come to believe? How has your faith in Him grown? What does this tell you about the journey toward faith?

Application

What is one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?