

## COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

### “THE GOSPEL IS JESUS”

John 1:35-51 | Pastor Jay Childs | January 28, 2024

1. Read John 1:35-51.
  - What were the main points of the sermon?
  
2. Read John 1:35-51 again, this time looking for the numerous titles that are given to Jesus.
  - What is the significance of each title?
  - What do you think John wants us to understand by these titles?  
*(Think of why John wrote his gospel)*
  
3. How does Christianity differ in its understanding of Jesus from Islam?
  - Who is Jesus according to Islam?
  - Who is Jesus according to the Bible? Why is this significant?
  - Who is Jesus according the Mormons?
  
4. Read John 8:48-59.
  - Who does Jesus claim to be in this passage?
  - What is the background? Why is this so significant?
  - How do the words of Jesus here undermine the claims that Jehovah's Witnesses make about Him?

5. What do we know about the 5 apostles/disciples mentioned in John 1:35-51 (Andrew, John, Peter, Philip, and Nathaniel)? Where were they from?

6. Why do you suppose Jesus used different approaches in calling each of the disciples? What do the different approaches teach us about evangelizing and discipling others?

7. In John 1:43, Jesus invites Philip to follow Him. Consider and discuss what it means to follow someone.

8. Read Luke 9:23-26.

Why is denying one's self necessary and essential to following Jesus?

8. Gospel Challenge:

- What is the gospel and how is it centered on Jesus?
- How would you explain the gospel, and the summons of the gospel, in 30 words or less?

9. Is there anyone in your immediate sphere of influence that you could invite to explore Jesus further through conversation, and looking at the Bible together?