

Wellington Presbyterian Church

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Meet the Word

John 1:19-51

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Notes

What does it mean to follow Christ?

1. It means to follow Christ by understanding Him as the hope of God's people. (vv. 19-28)
2. It means to follow Christ by understanding Him as the Spirit-anointed Lamb of God. (vv. 29-34)
3. It means to follow Christ by encountering His authority and obeying. (vv. 35-39)
4. It means to follow Christ by encountering Him as the one we prize. (vv. 40-51)

Main Point: We follow Christ by understanding Him in truth and encountering Him in relationship.

Christ (v. 20, 41)

The Prophet (v. 21)

Jesus (v. 29)

Lamb of God (v. 29, 36)

One who baptizes with the Spirit (v. 33)

Son of God (v. 34)

Rabbi/Teacher (v. 38, 49)

King of Israel (v. 49)

Son of Man (v. 51)

Ladder of Jacob (v. 51)

Guide for Personal Devotions, Families and Gatherings

Study for the Week: The Bible says itself that it is the very word of God, breathed out and capable of completely equipping us for life in Christ. Depending on how much time you allot, we encourage you to increase your concentric circles of reading around the morning text. Read the chapter in which it lives, then the section, then the entire book. Invite the Lord to reveal to you the major lessons and truths you need for the next leg of your journey in Him.

Applying the Word Together: Read the texts of the morning together, and then utilize the following study guide to help move the Word from the head, to the heart, and then to the hands.

Getting Started: Share one item in your life with your gathering for praise or prayer, and spend some time supporting one another in the presence of the Lord.

Going Deeper: What one truth from the Bible, or from the message, penetrated your heart? Tell the story of why that one insight is going to make a difference in your life.

What will your life be like in the years to come, as God gives them, if you really put this new insight into practice? What will it be like if you don't?

Hitting Home: At the end of your time together, spend some valuable moments of silence inviting the Lord Jesus Christ to do his special work in you for his glory.

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