

**SERMON:** Conversation and Invitation

May 5, 2019

**SERIES:** Conversations with Jesus

**SPEAKER:** Pastor Brady

**THE GOAL:** The primary goal of a small group at Grace is to develop a Christian community where Jesus is experienced through the gospel.

**ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS:** Use these questions to explore how God is at work in our families, communities, workplaces, and church.

1. Where have you seen God at work in your life this week?
2. What temptations have you been facing this week? How is God delivering you?
3. How have you experienced God's grace this week?
4. In what ways are you growing in your love for God?
5. In what ways are you growing in your love for others?
6. Have you started or stopped something this week just because you love Jesus?

**SCRIPTURE:** John 1:35-51.

**SERMON OUTLINE:** I. The Power of invitation II. A powerful invitation III. Lessons from the conversation

**REVIEW:** Use these questions to better understand and apply the passage/sermon.

**Observation:** as a group talk through and summarize the passage. Think through Who, What, Where, When, How, Why questions together.

**Interpretation:** answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?
2. What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?
3. What does this passage teach us about salvation/grace?
4. How does this passage point to Christ?

**Application:** answer these questions together:

1. How does this passage convict you? Encourage you? Inspire you?
2. What specific truth do you see about God (his grace? love? holiness?) and how would your life be different if you really believed it?
3. By God's grace, what commitments do you need to make this week? Or, what do you need to start obeying/believing?

**GO DEEPER:** Use these questions to go deeper into the passage, minds, and hearts.

1. Before you were a Christian, who invited you to explore/receive Christ? Why did you accept that invitation?
2. Andrew invited his brother Peter and Philip invited his friend Nathanael to meet Jesus. Who do you already know that you could invite to meet Jesus?
3. Read John 1:38-39. Christ's invitation included this process a) "what are you seeking?" b) "come and see" c) "stay awhile." Have you experienced this invitation from Jesus? Can you see yourself using this same process to bring others to Jesus?
4. Read John 1:50-51 and Genesis 28:10-17. How does Jesus connect himself to Jacob's vision? Notice Jesus' phrase "ON the Son of Man" – he becomes the ladder to Heaven. How does Jesus being the ladder to Heaven rather than him pointing to the ladder change everything for us? Are you still climbing ladders to Heaven in some way? How is coming down the ladder actually the way up the ladder?

Pray: Thank God that Christ came down the ladder for you; ask God to show you ways to invite others to meet Jesus.