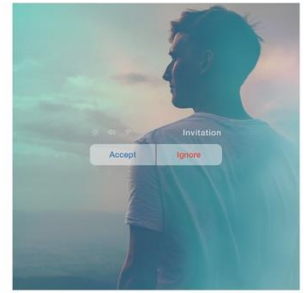


Come and See

Throughout the gospels, there are many places where Jesus calls or invites us to something, but He leaves it up to us to decide whether we'll accept His invitation or ignore it. Let's look at five invitations Jesus extends and ask ourselves how we'll respond



INTRODUCTION

In John 1, Jesus says to two of John the Baptist's disciples, "Come, and you will see." He extends the same invitation to us, and in this week's sermon, we learn more about what Jesus is calling us to come and see—and the joy and freedom we experience when we accept His invitation.

STARTER QUESTION

1. What does it take for you to accept a friend request? When do you accept a friend request? When do you ignore it?

INTO THE WORD

2. Read John 1:35-42. Why would Jesus invite John's two disciples to "come and see"? Why not just explain that He is God?
3. Read Matthew 11:28-30. Pastor David explained how yoking two oxen together can be used to teach a younger ox. What does Jesus mean when he says his "yoke is easy"? How does He take our yoke upon Him?
4. In John 1:42, Jesus changes Simon's name to Peter. Why do you think Jesus did this? Have you seen Jesus change your own identity?

APPLICATION

5. Pastor David explained that Jesus told John's two disciples to "come and see" before He had preached, taught in the synagogue, or performed miracles—the disciples just had to trust Him. Do you ever find it difficult to completely place your life in Jesus's hands? Why can it be so hard for us to trust God with every part of our lives?
6. Sometimes, we want answers from Jesus more than we want Jesus Himself. How can we transform our thinking from simply looking for our needs to be met to fully craving the presence of God?
7. Pastor David told us that this call to "come and see" invites us to see the sin remover: Jesus. How can we explain the freedom from sin that Jesus gives us to non-believers?

PRAYER

Lord, we want to experience the joy that comes from Your presence. Help us to fully to place our lives in Your loving hands. With the freedom that Your love, forgiveness, and grace bring, give us the motivation to love, forgive, and give grace to others, just as You have done for us. May we accept Your invitation every day to come and see by putting our trust in You. In Jesus's name, Amen.