



WEEK THREE | COME AND SEE

Look Back

10 Minutes

- Discuss these two questions Pastor Curtis raised in his September 15 sermon on Cultivating Community:
- What part of this city are you rooted in for work, home, recreation? What would it look like for you to be on mission for Christ in these locations right where you are planted?
- How are you experiencing the gift of community? Where do you find community in this season of your life? Who could you invite to join you?
- Pastor Curtis said that if we do not glorify God, we are not a church. How we do so may be different from other churches. What are ways FPC glorifies or can glorify God different from other churches?

Read Aloud

John 1:35-42

Head

Observe the text and the author's main points (15-20 Minutes)

1. Who are the main characters in this passage? What are their roles?
2. What is the importance of what John the Baptist calls Jesus?
3. How do the disciples respond to Jesus' invitation to "come and see"?

Heart

Envision how the text—when applied—might transform your inner life in terms of your thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors (15-20 Minutes)

1. What emotions do you experience when hearing Jesus' invitation to "come and see"?

2. Talk to your small group about when you became a follower of Jesus and how it has impacted your life. Who was an Andrew to you? To whom have you been an Andrew?
3. In verse 38 Jesus notices two disciples following Him and asks, "What do you want?" James K.A. Smith says that "Our wants reverberate from our heart, the epicenter of the human person." What is the condition of your heart? What does your heart want from God?

Hands

Apply the text by moving from inward reflection to outward action looking for ways to live the text out in our lives to serve others (10 Minutes)

Reaching Upwards: Growing in Your Relationship with God

- What steps can you take this week to follow Jesus more closely like the disciples did?
- Notice that the disciples were curious (asked questions), took action (followed Jesus), and listened to Him all day. Which one or more of these characteristics (curiosity, taking action to follow Jesus, listening) would help you to grow closer to Jesus? What will you do about it?

Reaching Outward: Investing in Your Neighbors

- One way you can encourage others to "come and see" Jesus is by inviting them to FPC Fall Morning Alpha that begins October 31 from 8-9 AM in the Solarium. This Alpha is focussed on - but not limited to - Presbyterian School parents. We need attendees and volunteers to help. For more information contact Emmanuel Paulpeter, Pastor of Outreach, epaulpeter@fpchouston.org.
- What are other ways to invite others to "come and see" Jesus in your daily life, in the parts of the city where you are rooted for work, home, recreation?

Reaching Beyond

- The Micah Project, an FPC mission partner, invites Honduran street boys to "come and see" Jesus. You can support this ministry in a fun way at their Pickleball Social Fundraiser on Friday, September 27 from 6-9 pm. The event is family friendly, and if you cannot attend, sponsors are needed. Contact Becca Herbold at rlherbold@comcast.net or 713-325-1282 with questions. Click here for more details: secure.ggiv.com/event/micahproject-auction/
- Invite a covenant partner, a neighbor, or a friend to join you on a short **Local Mission Partner Field Trip** from 12-1:30 pm on Thursday, September 26 to **Forge for Families**. Forge is a priority ministry partner whose vision involves fostering a fun, Christ-centered environment through strategic investment and collaboration, helping families to grow educationally, economically, and spiritually. There are many volunteer opportunities to learn about on the field trip. For more information and to RSVP, contact Madie Weir, Missions Coordinator, at mweir@fpchouston.org.