Gospel of John series #4
What Are You Seeking?
John 1:35-51

1) Jesus tells Nathanael he will see "heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." How does this echo Jacob's ladder (Genesis 28), and what is Jesus claiming about Himself?
2) The sermon connects the Tower of Babel (people trying to make a name for themselves and reach heaven) with the seeking in this passage. How does Jesus offer a different way to "reach heaven" and receive significance?
3) Jesus asks, "What are you seeking?" If He asked you that question today, how would you answer honestly? What deeper longings (love, significance, security, purpose, power, approval) might sit underneath your surface answers?
4) Andrew finds his brother Peter and Philip finds Nathanael. When was the last time you intentionally brought someone toward Jesus—or hesitated to do so? What helps or hinders that kind of simple invitation?
5) Nathanael moves from skepticism to worship in a short encounter. Where do you see yourself on that spectrum right now—more like the early Nathanael (dismissive or cautious) or the later one (confessing Jesus as Son of God and King)?
6) The sermon ends by linking the Lord's Supper to Jacob's ladder: Christ bringing heaven down to us and lifting us up to God. How does that image shape the way you approach communion? What does it mean to "come and see" at the Table?
7) Tom said that good stories (even Harry Potter) can reflect God's true story of seeking, loyalty, and self-sacrifice. How have stories, art, or culture pointed you toward (or away from) the things Jesus offers?
8) Jesus renames Simon "Cephas/Peter" (Rock). In what ways has following Jesus already begun to reshape your identity or sense of calling?