

Small Group Discussion Guide

“Rebel’s Rules to Following Jesus” (pt. 3) – 2.09.14

Scripture: John 1: 35-42

Bottom Line: True rebels follow Jesus.

INTRODUCTION: When a person follows Jesus, they will have a Jesus-driven purpose and identity. This means that Jesus gives meaning to every part of your life. Of course, Jesus is worthy of you following him because he is God’s full forgiveness, presence, and revelation to you. Let’s look at what it means to follow Jesus.

UNPACKING THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE:

Read John 1:35-37

* This question was asked last week, but it is so important for knowing the Gospel that it is worth asking again.

What does it mean for Jesus to be called “The Lamb of God?”

- This essentially means that Jesus is God’s appointed substitute sacrifice for the sins of the world. Jesus, who is perfect, came to pay the penalty of the world’s rebellion so that people could be reconciled to God through faith. You know that your church is following Jesus when this Gospel is being proclaimed.

Read John 1:38-39

Do you think there is more to Jesus’ question than “What are you seeking?”

- Yes, of course. Jesus is really asking them “What is most important in life?” The two disciples call him Rabbi which means they are interested in learning about God from him. Jesus then invites them to come and stay with him. It’s important to know that Jesus welcomes those who have questions to experience him even though they haven’t got it all figured out. Remember following Jesus isn’t all about knowing truths as much as it is about knowing Jesus personally through faith.

Read John 1:40-42

How does Andrew respond to Jesus' invitation to stay with him?

- He goes and tells his brother that he has found the Savior. Andrew was joyfully serving in God's mission as a response to grace. We are also following Jesus when we joyfully and actively take part in God's mission to bring people to himself.

UNDERSTANDING HOW THE GOSPEL APPLIES TO MY LIFE:

If Jesus is the "Lamb of God" then by default what did that make you?

- The answer is that you were a sinner or rebel. If you are a believer then this is no longer your identity. You, because of Christ, are now a saint in God's eyes. However, it is really important to be reminded of where you were so that you do not forget where you are now.

What is most important in life?

**Small Group Leader: this question may get the Sunday school answer of "Jesus". If you think it better, try something like "What do you need most in life? OR What do you desire or crave most in life?" This may expose a need that is being felt now as opposed to life in general. These can sometimes reveal idols that have taken the place of Jesus.

Because of the Gospel, following Jesus gets to be our greatest desire.

LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:

How can I be actively and joyfully responding to God's grace through being on mission?

- As you spend time with God, ask him to help you care more for the things that he cares for deeply.
- Who is one person you can begin to invest time in that you know needs Jesus?