

The Ladder Of Life

Small Group Study Questions

Opening Question:

If you could spend a day with anyone from history, who would it be and why?

General Observation:

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon? Was there anything that surprised you or challenged your thinking?

Understanding the Message:

2. The pastor talked about life being like a ladder. How did he use this illustration to make his point about pursuing Jesus?

3. In the sermon, we looked at John 1:35-51. What were the different ways people came to follow Jesus in this passage?

4. How did the pastor define discipleship? How does this definition compare to your previous understanding of discipleship?

Personal Application:

5. The sermon emphasized "beholding" or seeing Jesus. What are some practical ways you can focus more on seeing Jesus in your daily life?

6. The pastor shared how he and his wife invite people into their lives for discipleship. What are some ways you could invite others into your life to share your faith?

7. Reflect on how you came to follow Jesus. Which of the four ways mentioned in the sermon (through a leader, family member, direct encounter with Jesus, or friend) best describes your experience?

Action Steps:

8. This week, identify one person in your life who doesn't know Jesus. Commit to praying for them daily and look for an opportunity to invite them to "come and see" Jesus.

9. The pastor mentioned activities that stir affection for Christ and those that stifle it. Make a list of both for yourself. Choose one "affection-stirring" activity to intentionally incorporate into your routine this week.

Sample Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for finding us and calling us to follow you. Help us to see you more clearly in our daily lives and to be intentional about inviting others to know you. Give us courage to be "crisis people" who run towards opportunities to share your love. Make us faithful disciples who not only follow you but also find others to follow you. In your name we pray, Amen.