



## LIFE Groups Sermon-Based Discussion Questions

### The Gospel of John: Believe

#### "Christ In All The Scriptures"

*John 1:43-51, for the week of Sunday, April 29, 2018*

#### **I. Jesus, the Real Seeker [vv43-50]**

Read verses 43-50, then discuss the following statement from the sermon: *"In the Bible, it's always Jesus that finds us first. It's always Jesus that initiates salvation and discipleship because Jesus is the real seeker, not us."* In what ways is this statement true? Why is it important for us to know that it's Jesus who first seeks us? Can you think of reasons why, if we are to be saved and follow Christ, Jesus must be the one who initiates? And lastly, when do we become true seekers of God and His Kingdom?

#### ***Supplemental material to help discussion from the sermon***

•Rom 3:10-11 *As it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God."*

#### **II. Jesus, the True Ladder [v51]**

In v51, Jesus takes Nathanael back to the story of Jacob from Gen 28:12. Why do you think Jesus references this specific Old Testament passage? What is he saying about himself and the way of salvation? Also, what is the significance of angels traveling between heaven and earth? And why should we take interest in angels and the spiritual realm?

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•Jn 14:6 *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

•Heb 1:14 *Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?*

#### **III. Jesus, the Better Moses [v45]**

Read v45, then read Jn 5:39. What we quickly see is that Jesus (and others) believed the Old Testament was really about him. In the sermon, Pastor Jojo gave "pointers" to seeing Christ in all the Scriptures. For example, when you read the Old Testament, *what is a problem only Christ can solve?* [If no one can keep the law, who will do it for us?] Or, *what is a promise only Christ can fulfill?* [If animal sacrifices brought only temporary forgiveness, who will bring true and final forgiveness?] Or, *who is a person who anticipates Christ?* [If Moses was Israel's mediator between God and His people yet could not enter the Promised Land, who will be our perfect Mediator and bring us to our final promised homeland?] Or, *what is an event or symbol that pictures Christ?* [If the ark of Noah brought shelter from God's judgment for all who would enter, who will bring eternal safety from God's angry judgment?] Share and discuss this issue and see if you can come up with other answers to these questions. May we learn to see Christ in all the Scriptures.

#### ***Supplemental material to help discussion from the sermon***

•Tim Keller: *Jesus is the true and better Moses who stands in the gap between the people and the Lord and who mediates a new covenant.*

•*Like the wallpaper on your smartphone or laptop, Christians should see Christ as the backdrop to all the Old Testament.*