



WEEK TWO

UNLIKELY MEN WHO CHANGED THE WORLD

John 1:35-51

DISCUSSION 1

We view discipleship as a multiplication endeavor, and a way that we follow Jesus together. Our aim is to ignite a passion to follow Jesus by following Jesus and helping others do the same. In other words: God calls believers to make disciples who will also make disciples.

1. Read John 1:35-51. Identify the people who believed in Jesus after hearing another person's testimony of Jesus.
2. Have you ever shared the gospel with someone and seen them come to faith? If so, share this experience.
3. Have you been discipled by another believer? Have you discipled anyone? If so, share about the impact of those relationships.

DISCUSSION 2

Many Old Testament texts refer to a messiah or a savior. These references help us understand the unity of the Bible and deepen our understanding of Jesus.

1. In John 1:45, we learn that the Old Testament contains multiple prophecies about Jesus. Because of this, Jesus is a fulfillment of the Old Testament Scripture. Why is this important?
2. In the following verse, Nathaniel asked, "Can anything good can come from Nazareth?" Why is it significant that Jesus came from a place that wasn't highly esteemed? How should this affect the way we view people who come from places that don't have a good reputation?
3. In this section, Jesus is called the Messiah, the Lamb of God, the Rabbi, the Son of God, the King of Israel, and the Son of Man. Reflect on these titles and their significance.

DISCUSSION 3

In Genesis 28, a ladder connects heaven to earth. This reflects the separation between man and God. Because of sin, our relationship with God was broken and we needed a way to God.

1. Read verse 5. What promise is given in this verse? How might the truth of this promise impact your life?

2. Light always overcomes the darkness, but what does John mean by “light” and “darkness”? Give some practical examples in your life or in the lives of others?
3. How might darkness win in the battle of darkness and light? How can we prevent it?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Spend some time with your family discussing what discipleship means. Why is it important that we share Jesus with others?
2. Read and discuss v. 45. Why is it important for us to know that Jesus was prophesied in the Old Testament?
3. Read Genesis 28:10-17. Then read v. 51 from this week’s passage. Through Jesus we have access to God in a very personal way. We don’t need to go to a temple or have someone pray to God for us. As a family, discuss how prayer connects us with God. Also discuss why and how we should pray.

APPLICATION

1. Are you discipling someone right now? Are you being discipled by anyone? How might God be calling you to step into either of those roles? Pray about this and take steps this month to follow the Lord’s leading in developing these relationships.
2. Consider buying and reading the book “Gospel-Centered Discipleship” by Jonathan K. Dodson.