

The Gospel of John Mike Higley/Lead Pastor February 17, 2019

Key Passage: John 1:35-42

People have two basic desires:

We want to be <u>valued</u>. We want to have <u>purpose</u>.

The Words of Jesus:

- "What do you want?"
- "Come and you will see."
- "You are..." and "You will be..."

What you are looking for will determine what you will find.

A Personal Application

"What do you want?" — Write down what you want from the Lord.

"Come and see."

How have you chosen to follow the Lord?

"You are..." and "You will be..."

How has the Lord changed you? Write down some new names He has spoken into your life.

A Communal Application

Who are you able to ask "What do you want?" List some names.

Who have you already invited to "come and see"? Who can you still encourage to "come and see"?

Can you recall those who have been transformed through your efforts?

The shocking end of the story: The Teacher gets lost in the darkness. Solomon ends his life frustrated with wisdom and defeated by the brokenness he finds in the world.

"The end of the matter. All has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or bad."

- "The author's good news is the promise of God's judgment.
- "God's justice is not about the condemnation of people, but the condemnation of <u>evil</u>. His judgment is actually a rescue operation to restore life, beauty, and peace to the world.

In the face of brokenness and injustice, we feel deeply. We mourn and lament. But in the midst of our grief...

1. Jesus invites us to KNOW HOPE.

- · To know hope, you have to know <u>Jesus</u> because he is the one who renews what is broken (Luke 4:18-19).
- · It is God's design for us to know hope through this <u>community</u> that is filled by Jesus, depends on Jesus, and acts like Jesus out in the world.

2. Jesus invites us to HAVE HOPE.

- · To have hope means to see and engage with the world through <u>faith</u>.
- 3. Jesus invites us to BE HOPE.

