

Why Do I Follow Jesus?

Confirmation 201: Session 1

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Introduction

Most of us can't explain what it is that makes us follow Christ. This session of discussion and Bible Study seeks to help us find words for the way we feel about our faith.

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Take a moment and turn to someone at the table and ask, "Why do you follow Jesus?"

Test Case #1: Andrew and the Unnamed Disciple

John 1:21-42

1. Following someone/something else.
2. Experienced a new understanding.
3. Immediately changed their whole lives/hearts.

Test Case #2: Nicodemus

John 3:1-19, 7:45-52, 19:38-42

1. Following someone/something else.
2. Experienced a new understanding.
3. Experienced confusion, but continued intrigue.
4. After some time life/heart is changed.

Test Case #3: Paul

Acts 9:1-7, 17-21

1. Following someone/something else.
2. Experienced an event.
3. Experienced confusion/difficulty
4. Life/heart immediately changed.
5. Can't help but tell the story.

Who are you?

In which of these stories do you most find your story?

1. Is it Andrew and the unnamed disciple who turned as soon as it was made known?
2. Or was it the more intellectual and skeptical Nicodemus who needed time?
3. Or maybe Paul who was knocked down and struggled before being desperate to share?
4. Or is it none of these? Is there another biblical model that you would use for your story?

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