

FOOD TIME: (30-45 minutes) – Remember to give some direction for this time.

MEETING TIME: (45 minutes)

The end of the first chapter in the Gospel of John is so pivotal because this is where we get the first interaction that John shows between Jesus and people. There is John, who has been called to prepare the way for Jesus to come and do His work; and John sees Jesus and immediately recognizes who He is and the power that Christ has. There is no doubt in John's mind as to who Christ is because God put it on John's heart. We then see those who are with John follow Christ based on His teachings. They are inspired by those teachings, and they follow. As we get into discussion this week, think about how there is no doubt in the minds of both John and the two disciples that follow. They know that Jesus is the Savior, and they follow Him without question.

READ John 1:29-39

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! **30** This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was born before me.' **31** I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing in water." **32** And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. **33** I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' **34** And I have seen and testified that this is the son of God." **35** Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. **36** And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" **37** The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. **38** Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are you staying?" **39** He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour.)

FACILITATE Discussion Questions

1. How can relate to the excitement that John shows when he sees Jesus coming?
2. Why do you think John's testimony about the Spirit descending upon Jesus is important?
3. How can we emulate what the first two disciples did in following Jesus?
4. Why is studying this section of scripture important?
5. How is Christ being your Teacher in your everyday life?

PRAY- Take the last 10 minutes to pray about the needs of the group.

APPLICATION- As an application this week, think about how you can sit steadfast in the knowledge of who Christ is. We have seen three men specifically here who have seen the work that Christ is done, and we see the excitement and willingness to follow the Lord. John was excited to see Christ comes toward him. The disciples were excited by the words of Christ and they follow Him. How are we doing that today? The willingness to let Jesus lead is evident here and the challenge this week is that you let Christ be your Teacher more and more every day. Oftentimes, we lean on what we know and what we can control and we do not sit back and let the Lord work. So ask yourself this week, where can you let the Lord work in your life?