

Nov 14th – Sermon Notes

Text John 1:35-39 (NIV)³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and **spent that day with him**. It was about the tenth hour.

Jesus didn't just invite them to one of His lectures. He invited them into His life. It is the same with us. Jesus has invited us into His life.

So what is the nature of this relationship? How would I describe something so phenomenal in simple terms to someone who was genuinely interested...

- **It's a relationship of the heart.**
- **It's a relationship of purpose.**
- **It's an everlasting relationship.**

First, it's a relationship of the heart...

John 1:47-49. One of Jesus' early disciples, Nathanael wasn't really convinced Jesus was the promised Messiah. He was a hold out. He wasn't unbelieving because he had another agenda; he was unbelieving because he was unconvinced, not because he was unwilling to believe. People who are unconvinced are open to more information. On the other hand, people who are unwilling to believe refuse to receive the truth.

- See also Gideon and the fleece. Judges chapter 6

What is God asking me to believe about Him that seems unreasonable, or inconsistent with what I am feeling, believing or experiencing? That is a question specifically designed to increase the heart-level communication between us and the Lord.

Second, it's a relationship of purpose...

The Christians who led me to the Lord were not