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Come and See – Go and Tell
John 1:35-51
Fifth Sunday Mission's Mandate

Central Passage

John 1:45–46 (ESV) — **45** Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." **46** Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" **Philip said to him, "Come and see."**

Central Thought: The dynamic of evangelism – telling people about Jesus – involves invitation and proclamation, but never coercion or intimidation.

Evangelism = The announcement of Good News

Romans 10:14–15 (ESV) — **14** How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? **15** And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" (See also, Isaiah 52:7)

Luke 4:18–21 (ESV) — **18** "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because **he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.**" **20** And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. **21** And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

❖ "Behold the Lamb of God" – Evangelism is the proclamation that Jesus is the savior of the world. (vs. 35-36, and vs. 29)

Acts 17:22–23 (ESV) — **22** So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. **23** For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' **What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.**

Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV) — **18** And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

○ "What are you seeking?" – Following Jesus calls for a change of allegiance. (vs. 37-39)

Jeremiah 29:13 (ESV) — **13** You will seek me and find me, when you seek me **with all your heart.**

Matthew 16:24 (ESV) — **24** Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

❖ "Come and See" – Evangelism is an invitation to exploration. (vs.40-46)

John 4:28–30 (ESV) — **28** So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, **29** "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" **30** They went out of the town and were coming to him.

○ "Behold an Israelite..." – Our job is to tell, it's Jesus' job to convince. (47-49)

Matthew 11:27 (ESV) — **27** All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.