

QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED: What are you looking for?

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John 1:35-42

35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' 39 He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed*). 42 He brought Simon* to Jesus, who looked at

him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter*).

REFLECT & DISCUSS

1. Read the passage slowly. Then take a deep breath and read it again. What word, phrase, or image stands out to you?
2. In the Gospel of John, the very first words out of Jesus' mouth are a question. Perhaps oddly, rather than celebrating his newest followers, Jesus asks them directly, "what are you looking for?" Why do you think Jesus asks this question?
3. What are the different hopes, needs, desires that these disciples might have for who Jesus is or what his message is all about? How might that compare to what people are looking for today?
4. If Jesus were to ask you this question about you and your life—"what are you looking for?"--how would you answer? How would your answer be different today than it might have been at other moments in your life?
5. Jesus never clarifies himself or his mission with these disciples. Instead, he invites them to "come and see." Why do you think experience might be so important

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to understanding Jesus, his mission, and his ministry?

6. How can the church take on this “come and see” approach to the mission and ministry of Jesus?
7. The season of Lent is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on your life. Spend time considering, perhaps journaling, what you are looking for

in this season of your life. Is it security, success, understanding, friendship, adventure, peace, healing, a deeper spirituality? What does it mean to seek these things in and through God? Check out the Lent resources in the foyer or using the link below.

QUESTIONS

Lenten Sermon Series

Jesus asked over 300 questions in the gospels. He knew the power and promise of a good question. Lean into the questions Jesus asked, and explore some of the hardest questions you asked.

March 9

Questions Jesus Asked: What Are You Looking For? (John 1:35-42)

March 16

Questions Jesus Asked: Do You Want to Be Well? (John 5:1-9)

March 23

Questions Jesus Asked: Whom Will You Love? (Luke 6:27-36)

March 30

Youth-Led Sunday

April 7

Questions You Asked: What About Heaven and Hell? (1 John 4:7-12)

April 14

One Question Jesus Answered
(Matthew 22:8-11, 34-40)

LENT RESOURCES

Welcome the Lenten season of introspection and self-examination. Learn more about what Lent can mean and how you can experience it. Find a Lenten guide and more resources in the foyer or online: southelkhorncc.org/lent

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 17, 6:30 PM, Historic Sanctuary

A contemplative worship service in the spiritual intimacy of South Elkhorn's Historic Sanctuary. Nursery provided for children ages 6 weeks to 2 years.

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