

ULC Sermon Study Resource
Come and See // Behold the Lamb
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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: **What's your favorite Marvel movie and why?**

Reading: **John 35-42**

Outline:

- I. The lamb of God... v.35-36
 - a. Here John identifies Jesus as the lamb of God that tops every other sacrificial lamb because of the weight that came with the sacrifice
 - b. Because our Saviour is called the lamb of God, we have salvation through his sacrifice
Q: Why was it important that John name Jesus as the lamb of God?
- II. Who invites you to follow Him... v.37-39
 - a. As John's disciples start following Jesus, He stops them, asks what they're seeking, and then invites them to come and experience His presence for themselves
 - b. What we're looking to get out of our relationship with God will determine how much of Him we're able to encounter
Q: What did John's disciples get out of sitting with Jesus where he was staying?
- III. Changes everything... v.40-42
 - a. After being told by His brother that the Messiah has been found, Simon goes to Jesus who immediately changes his name from Simon to Cephas/ Peter
 - b. No matter how much brokenness and weariness we have, when we go to Jesus, our destiny is changed just like Peter's was.
Q: How does the name Simon is called affect the life he lives?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) How does the illustration of Jesus being a lamb led to the slaughter affect your view of God?
- 2) What does it mean to you that Jesus took on the name of the Lamb?
- 3) What are you seeking in your faith walk?
- 4) What do you get from going to the house of the Lord and listening to His words?
- 5) What changes have you experienced from the calling of your faith?

Suggestions for further study:

- Psalm 34:8 **Q: How can God's presence satisfy our doubts and questions?**
- Hebrews 10:11-14 **Q: Why did Jesus come as the Lamb?**
- Leviticus 14:10-13 **Q: How does this and other accounts of a lamb show us the Lamb?**

Closing Prayer:

Gracious God, you sent your Son into the world that you love, desire to feel, and desire to transform. In sending him, you have begun that work of new creation. Lord, right now you are inviting us to take part in that new creation, to follow Jesus, experience his goodness and mercy, and experience the love that has come to us when he poured out his life for our life. We ask that you would send your spirit on us and give us the boldness and confidence to hear this invitation and to accept it. Continue to heal and transform our lives by the power of your holy spirit. Amen