



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, June 18, 2023

We Belong!

John 1:35-42

Read/Reflect

1. Read John 1:35-42. What or who do you identify with?
 - I'm looking for a teacher/mentor
 - I'm an Andrew, introducing others to Jesus
 - I'm a Peter, stunned at what Jesus says to me.
 - I'm John the Baptist, learning a lesson on letting go of my own ego
2. Notice all the names in this passage. Why is that significant? What names or titles are given to Jesus in this passage? What do they imply?

Explore

3. Recall the time you publicly declared your faith in Jesus (profession of faith, or baptism). Did you have a sense of belonging then, and do you have a sense of belonging now?
4. What drew the disciples to follow Jesus? What draws you to follow Jesus? What are the things you have to let go to follow Jesus?
5. What do you think of membership in the church?
 - It's a formality
 - It's a commitment
 - It's being family
 - It's about the body of Christ
 - It's a ticket to heaven
 - Other: _____
6. How have you been changed by belonging to the family of God? Have you experienced the transforming love of Jesus in your life? What's that like?

Pray

- Pray a prayer of thanksgiving and praise about being accepted by God into his family, quite apart from what you deserve.
- .Pray that the Holy Spirit would so immerse you (or another if in a group) into belonging to Jesus that you are fully changed as a child of God.