



Come and See: Part One: Experience Required

You may have wondered, how did the church get started? Why do people all over the world gather together every week to worship God? From the earliest days of the church until today, people became followers of Jesus in the same way: through an invitation.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What part of Sunday's message stood out to you? Was there anything you disagreed with or that encouraged you?

“Jesus needs to be experienced, not explained.”

How did you end up attending Red Rock Church? What drew you here?

Read: John 1:29, 39-46

Context: *The Apostle John wrote down an account of the life of Jesus Christ. He wrote down the experience of the first followers. Each of them were invited by someone who had an experience with Jesus and they wanted others to experience Him too. The invitations changed everything.*

- Who was Jesus and why was his life changing everything for the people of that day (vs. 29)?
- What was it that Jesus was inviting the disciples to come and see? What was so unique about their experience?
- The disciples didn't try to explain what they had experienced. What did they simply do or say? Why do we get caught up in the explaining rather than the invitation?
- What is so special about your relationship with Jesus that you so badly want others to experience? What is at stake if we don't share our experience with others?
- If Jesus modeled a “come and see” approach to evangelism, what kind of environment does Red Rock Church have to be for people to come and see Jesus?
- Who is one person in your sphere of influence that you can invest in or invite to church? What is it about that person that makes it easy for you to connect with him or her?
- What is one thing you can do this week to invest in that person? How can this group support you?
- What do you think is possible in our city if each of the 400+ adults that attend Red Rock on a regular basis invited 1 or 2 people to come and see?

MOVING FORWARD

83% of people in Colorado Springs would consider themselves “unchurched”. Many of them don't know Jesus, have had a bad church experience or feel like they can have God without the church. We want them to experience what we've experienced. So, we invest in relationships with them because we care about them. If the time is right, we invite them to join us, to come and see, and to maybe have a life changing experience.

LIVE IT OUT

Memorize: John 1:29

Journaling: Take some time to journal about how the truth of who Jesus is has changed your life.

Prayer: Ask God to give you wisdom and boldness to see people as He does and take the opportunities God gives you to invest in a relationship with someone who may need to see Jesus through you.

Accountability: Ask a friend to help keep you accountable to reach out to that person you shared with the group.