

One Small Step – Week 5 Come and See (Relational Evangelism) – Ben Foote February 13, 2022

Group Creed

We come together as a Group with the goal of Spiritual Formation--encouraging one another to become the same kind of person Jesus is, so that we can live out every part of our lives inside of His Kingdom.

// Bible References

Luke 1:17; John 1:35-46

// Message Summary

Over the past several weeks we have been reviewing the values that are the foundation of our Flatirons Community. When the values are practiced, we see the awesome life of Jesus making a huge difference for a lost and broken world. Many of us were introduced to Jesus through a friend or someone close to us. This week, Pastor Ben Foote helps us understand the idea of relational evangelism in terms of the 'one small step' each of us can take to share Jesus with someone who needs to know Him.

// Biblical and Historical Context

The gospel of John makes it clear that Jesus came so that everyone could be forgiven of their sins and be reconnected with God as a Father who loves them. But even before the world changing announcement of John 3:16; we get the story of how John himself meets Jesus. One friend tells another and that friend goes and tells his brother. Jesus continually sent His disciples out to share His message and miracles wherever they went. That's how Jesus gathered his disciples then and now - through relationships. In His final words, Jesus instructed and empowered His disciples to reach people everywhere with the Gospel.

// Community Questions

1. Share experiences of visiting the ocean or another natural wonder; describe what was awesome about it?
2. Share your experience of the first time you visited Flatirons; particularly who invited you.

// Discussion Questions

1. Read John 1:35-46; what is the passage about and what stands out to you?
2. What does verse 37 say was the action taken by the two disciples?
3. Jesus asked a question in John 1:38; “What do you want?”
 - a. Think for a moment and share: What do you want from Jesus?
 - b. If you are following Him, how has Jesus responded to your request?
4. What could be behind Nathanael’s response in John 1:46?

(A few possible answers include: fear, doubt, prejudice, stereotypes about people from Nazareth, or “no way, really - a savior?”)

Given that Philip borrowed the whole “come and see” line from Jesus (back in verse 39) what do you think makes this kind of invitation work?

// Challenge

Invite someone to “come and see” what Jesus is all about. You may find this easier if you begin by praying for your friends, family and neighbors that need to know Jesus. Think ahead, when might you see that person next? Talk it over with God, asking Him to give you the words and the opportunity to invite someone to visit Flatirons.