



Series Summary: For three years, he was one of Jesus' best friends. He watched him in his best and worst moments. After Jesus left earth, he was left with one inescapable conclusion about Jesus' identity. He sat down and wrote what he had seen and heard. His account has been handed down for generations as one of the finest first-hand accounts of Jesus' life. This spring, we'll read 11 of his stories about Jesus, and you may find yourself changed by what you hear.

Sermon summary: When we meet someone for the first time we likely form a first impression. Our responses become based on these impressions. What if we could encounter God today what might be our impressions? How might we respond? Let's learn from one of Jesus' closest friends about how Jesus was received and consider our response to him today!

Big Idea: When you meet Jesus, you are called to Follow Jesus.

Icebreaker: Recount a time when you were introduced, how did that introduction affect the impressions of others?

Discussion:

1. What does the title "Baptist" bring to mind? For John what does it mean (Jn 1:26,31)
2. John introduces Jesus (1:24-34), how does he describe both himself and Jesus?
3. Discuss some of the impressions that people may have had on that day?
4. What initial impression do John's followers seem to have of Jesus (vs. 36-38)? How does this compare to Nathanael's impression later on (vs. 46-49)?
5. Take a look at John 1:35-46. What pattern do you see in these verses?
6. Discuss what it means to follow someone? What can we learn from the disciples, in John chapter 1, about what it means to follow Jesus?
7. Jesus is no ordinary man, as you grow closer to him expect to be transformed. What choices will you make to follow Jesus?

Bonus Reading: The Jesus I Never Knew by Philip Yancey. This book will reveal a different Jesus than you may have learned about in Sunday School.

Know: Jesus was revealed as Messiah

Be: Daily encountering Jesus

Do: Follow Jesus with your life

Week 2