

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of October 25, 2015

This Week's Focus: Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God and sole mediator between God and humanity. He alone can meet your need for spiritual life, identity, purpose, and joy.

This Week's Text: John 1:35-51

"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time." **1 Timothy 2:5-6**

"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." **Daniel 7:13-14**

Related Texts: John 10:4-5; Genesis 28:11-17; Daniel 7:13-14; 1 Timothy 2:5

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What are your general impressions of this week's sermon?
- John the Baptist stated bluntly that he was not the Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet. What, then, was his purpose as the "voice crying in the wilderness"? How did he prepare for Jesus' coming? How did he know that Jesus was the Son of God as well as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world"? Reference verses 23-27 and 29-34. Discuss the difference between John's baptism with water and Jesus' baptism with the Holy Spirit.
- What is a disciple? How did John's ministry prepare his disciples for the coming Messiah? What imagery would have been in the minds of those hearing John's statement that Jesus is the Lamb of God?

- What question did Jesus ask John's disciples when he noticed that they began to follow him? Were they simply looking for Jesus' residence or something more? What are you currently looking for? Where do you derive your identity, significance, security, and happiness? Is your heart ripe for relationship with Jesus?
- Who were the two disciples that left John to follow Jesus? Reference verse 40. Who was the first person Andrew and the second disciple told about Jesus? Reference verses 41-42. What is the "secret" of witnessing and sharing the good news? What motivated Andrew to introduce his brother Simon (Peter) to Jesus? Does your relationship with Jesus produce in you a desire to introduce others to Jesus?
- What is significant about the fact that Jesus changed Simon's name to Cephas (Peter)? Discuss Jesus' authority over personal identity.
- Why was Philip shocked to hear Jesus' claim in verse 48? Why did it cause him to conclude that Jesus is the Son of God and the King of Israel?
- What Old Testament narrative is Jesus referring to in verse 51? Reference Genesis 28:11-17. Discuss how Jacob's vision foreshadows the coming of Jesus Christ. Explain how the ladder points to Jesus as the mediator between God and humanity.
- How does Jesus' statement in verse 51 reference Daniel's prophecy of the Son of Man? Reference Daniel 7:13-14. What characteristics of God does Daniel attribute to the Son of Man and does Jesus attribute to himself?
- Are you a disciple of Jesus Christ? If so, does the grace and forgiveness that he has extended you produce a desire to declare and demonstrate the gospel in the world?