



Sermon Summary:

1. Called from darkness (Colossians 1:13)
2. Calling the seeker (John 1:35-42)
3. Calling the skeptics (John 1:43-49)
4. Called to the mission of Jesus (John 1:50-51)

When we are lost, we want someone to help us find our way home. That feeling of helplessness is where many of us find ourselves and we call out for help because we don't like where our lives are heading. But Jesus is calling out for you to come to Him. Most of you have heard that call and responded. You crawled out of your wooded mess – out in the cold and dark – and made your way to Jesus. This is what happens when someone confesses Jesus as Lord.

Icebreaker

Have you ever experienced complete darkness where there was no light from anything (lamps, lightbulbs, stars, etc.)? What was that experience like?

1. Called from Darkness (Read Colossians 1:13)

- Main Idea: We were once in darkness, but through Christ, we are delivered and transferred to His kingdom.
- Scripture: Colossians 1:13 – "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son."
- Application Questions:
 - a. In what areas of your life have you experienced the "domain of darkness" before coming to Jesus?
 - b. What does it look like to live as someone who has been "transferred" into the kingdom of God in your daily life?
 - c. How can we support one another in our journey into the light of Christ's kingdom?

2. Calling the Seeker (Read John 1:35-42)

- Main Idea: Jesus calls those who are searching for meaning, like the disciples of John the Baptist who followed after Jesus.
- Scripture: John 1:38 – "Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, 'What are you seeking?'"
- Application Questions:
 - a. What are some things you have sought after in life, and how has Jesus fulfilled or changed your desires?
 - b. How does Jesus' invitation to "come and see" speak to your personal journey of seeking Him?
 - c. Who in your life might be seeking Jesus, and how can you help point them to Him?

3. Calling the Skeptic (Read John 1:43-49)

- Main Idea: Jesus even calls those who doubt, like Nathanael, offering a personal and transformative encounter.
- Scripture: John 1:46 – "Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'"
- Application Questions:
 - a. Have you ever been skeptical of Jesus or certain aspects of faith? How did He meet you in your doubt?
 - b. How can we lovingly engage with skeptics in our own lives and communities?
 - c. What personal experiences with Jesus can you share with others to help them move from skepticism to belief?

4. Called to the Mission of Jesus (Read John 1:50-51)

- Main Idea: We are called to partner with Jesus in His mission, seeing greater things through His Spirit at work in the world.
- Scripture: John 1:50 – "You will see greater things than these."
- Application Questions:
 - a. What "greater things" do you think Jesus is calling you to witness or participate in as part of His mission?
 - b. How can you practically join Jesus' mission in your community or workplace?
 - c. What does it mean to live with an expectation that God is continually doing "greater things" in and through His people?