

## What Are You Looking For?

### Questions

John 1:35-39

#### EXPLORING THE SERMON

- \* What did you hear?
- \* What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- \* What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

#### KEY VERSES

*The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.*

#### REFLECTION

As Christians constantly seeking to grow, we should never stop asking ourselves the questions which have helped guide us into this new year. Review and make note of your answers thus far, so you can compare them to your responses down the road: **Where are you? / Do you want to be made well? / Who do you say that Jesus is? / Do you know what you are reading?**

In this week's passage, we find John teaching two of his own disciples as Jesus walks by. He tells them the Lamb of God is passing by (v. 36) and implies that they should leave him and follow Jesus instead, which they do. At this, Jesus asks the disciples, **"what are you looking for?"** (v. 38) This question brings to the surface the desires that govern us as humans - peace, security, care of others, cures for disease, friends, love, rest. **Are you focused on a life and calling by Jesus, or are you distracted by other questions that give your life direction and focus? What are you looking for?**

The disciples' response to Jesus' question should remind us how we often dodge questions in similar ways as they ask him, "where are you staying?" His response, "Come and see," seems to imply that we cannot follow Him at half-measure, but that we must follow him all the way home. There is no other way to see what He is all about, and live our lives accordingly. **When are you most prone to "dropping off" from following Jesus all the way home? What habits can help you re-focus on Him?**

Matthias Grunewald's [Crucifixion](#), commissioned in the 16<sup>th</sup> century for the hospital chapel at St. Anthony's monastery, provided patients the beautiful reminder that Christ took on not just their sins but also their deadly diseases. Note in the painting how John the Baptist points to Jesus, the Lamb of God. We are each called to point people to Jesus, in ways great and small: a blessing, prayer of hope, identification with pain and suffering, an expression of love. **Who has pointed you to Jesus? Ask God to show you one way you can point someone to Jesus this week, whether large or small.**

