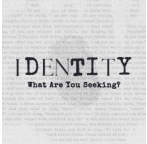

Small Group Bible Study

Identity: What Are You Seeking? | Part 1

John 1:37-42 | Feb 15, 2026

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John 1:35-42 - *35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).*

Observation | *What does the text say?*

1. In John 1:37–39, what actions do the two disciples take after hearing John the Baptist's testimony?

2. What is the first question that Jesus asks in this passage and how do the disciples respond?

3. What invitation does Jesus extend in John 1:39 and how do the disciples respond to it?

4. How much time do the disciples spend with Jesus according to the text?

5. What repeated themes or words stand out in these verses (e.g., seeking, following, staying)?

Interpretation | *What does the text mean?*

1. Why is Jesus' question, "*What are you seeking?*" significant in the context of identity?

2. How does the disciples' shift from following John to following Jesus illustrate displaced identity?

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3. What does Jesus' invitation, "*Come and you will see*," reveal about how transformation begins?

4. How does the Genesis parallel (God asking questions of Adam and Eve) help us understand Jesus' method?

5. What does "dwelling" or "staying" with Jesus suggest about the nature of discipleship?

APPLICATION | *How should this change us?*

1. What are you currently seeking that might be shaping your identity more than Christ?

2. Have you experienced seasons of restlessness that led you closer to God? How did you discern their source?

3. In what practical ways can you "stay" or abide with Jesus daily?

4. Are there old identities or attachments you need to relinquish to follow Christ more fully?

5. How can your small group help one another seek Christ rather than merely His gifts?

PRAYER REQUESTS