

LESSON 1

SEEKING CHRIST**Scripture Text:** *John 1:35-51*

This is a thirteen week course of study of how Jesus Christ influences the lives of men and women who seek and find Him. We will study the different forms of response and varied experiences of early disciples of Christ, so that we may easier understand ways in which He reveals Himself to those who seek Him.

MEMORY VERSE: *"We have found the Messiah."**John 1:41***Straight Gospel Preaching Causes Men to Seek Christ**

The reason for preaching the Gospel is to cause a hunger for Christ. It was John the Baptist who said: "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world," and John and Andrew left following John and began to follow Christ. The sermons we hear in church must be put into action before they will help us to find Christ. The way we respond to a message

determines what we receive from it. A message, like a road map, only points the way we should go; it does not compel us to go. When we obey a Holy Spirit anointed message, it will always lead us to Christ, the Lamb of God.

The lamb held an important place in Jewish worship, both in daily temple worship and in feast days.

Personal Faith Helps People Find Christ

Andrew and John found Christ because they believed and acted on what they heard. After finding Christ, they were convinced that He was the Christ. This one message led to the change in their lives.

This incident shows us the great value of church attendance and listening to the Gospel message. What might have been if these men had gone fishing, or anywhere else, instead of going to hear John the Baptist preach?

John and Andrew, as have many other men, found that Christ was easy to find when they sought Him honestly and sincerely in faith. Christ makes definite changes in the inner man that causes change in the outer man.

If Christ were to ask you, "What seek ye?" what would be your answer?

Personal Evangelism Helps People Find Christ

What was it that caused Andrew to go to Peter and bring him to Jesus? Was it his love for Christ? Was it his love for Peter? Was it not his love for both? This is the secret of the success of personal evangelism. After men find Christ, it is just natural that they want to help others to find Him also.



We Become Like the People Whom We Follow

When we follow Christ, we become like Him. If we follow the world, we become like it. The greatest challenge in life is to seek and find Jesus. Have you found Him?

Just a Thought

"The lazy man aims at nothing and usually hits it."