

“What Do I Want in Life?”

Based on John 1:35-39 (NIV)

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Verses 35-37

35 The next day John the Baptist was there again with two of his disciples.

36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

† Both of these men have been disciples of John the Baptist, following his teachings and traveling with him.

† John is in essence telling his followers, “My job here is done. Jesus is the one I have been preparing you for.”

Verse 38a - Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

† Jesus is asking the most fundamental question in life: “What do you want from your life?”

† This question is not just asked of these men but of me.

Verse 38b - They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

† In now referring to Jesus as “Rabbi”, these two men want to now be Jesus’ disciples.

† These men want to get to really know Jesus.

Verse 39 - "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour.

† Jesus meets me where I am and invites me to come and explore what I want in life with him.

† In my life, I am to seek God’s glory instead of my glory, God’s wants instead of my wants, and God’s will instead of my will.

Applying Today’s Message to My Life:

† What am I searching for in my life?

† How have I done in this search?

† How have I listened to what God wants me to do?

† Am I focused on doing what God wants me to do or on what I want God to do for me?

† What is one way I can focus on what God’s will is for me this week?