

LIVING HOPE

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER
SUPPORT COMMUNITY



Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions & Opening Prayer - Dena
- Scripture Reading John 1:35-51 ESV - Ed
- Worship Music - *I Will Carry You (Ellie Holcomb)*
- John Week 3 Video - Ed
- Discussion: *Come and See* - Dena
- Prayer Requests - Dena
- Closing Prayer - Dena

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THE GOSPEL OF

JOHN

COME AND SEE

John 1 (ESV)

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.

John 1 (ESV)

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). 43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

John 1 (ESV)

44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” 46 Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!”

John 1 (ESV)

48 Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." 49 Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50 Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." 51 And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, [d] you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

The Point

Who are you inviting to “come and see” Jesus for themselves?

Who is your one more?

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**How Does This Bible Passage
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- Jesus' Call and Purpose
 - For caregivers, Jesus' call reminds us that even in the hardships of caregiving, we are invited to come closer to Christ & experience His presence
 - Caregivers can find comfort in knowing that their caregiving journey is a part of God's purpose for their lives

How Does This Bible Passage Relate to My Situation Today?

- Bringing Others to Jesus
 - Through love, patience & care for our loved ones, we reflect Christ's love for them & others
 - We can find strength in knowing we are leading our family in spiritual ways, even when our loved ones may not fully understand

How Does This Bible Passage Relate to My Situation Today?

- Seeing Beyond the Present
 - As caregivers we often face moments of doubt, frustration, & emotional exhaustion
 - In this passage we are encouraged to keep our faith, trusting that Jesus sees the full picture even when we can't
 - Our faithfulness in caregiving reflects our trust in God's bigger plan

How Does This Bible Passage Relate to My Situation Today?

- Jesus Sees and Knows Us
 - Jesus knows our struggles, sacrifices & the love we pour into caregiving
 - He understands our burdens & walks with us through the challenges of caring for our loved ones

How Does This Bible Passage Relate to My Situation Today?

- Faith in the Greater Things
 - In Jesus, we have faith that, despite the daily challenges of caregiving, there is a greater hope in Him
 - He promises that the suffering & hardships of this life are temporary & those who follow Him will one day see the fullness of God's glory

Questions

- How can you answer Jesus' call to draw closer to Him as you care for your loved one?
- How do you see your caregiving as an opportunity to lead others to experience Christ's love?
- In what ways can your actions and attitudes reflect Christ to others around you?
- How does it comfort you to know that Jesus sees & understands the unique struggles you face as a caregiver

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