

Come And See #1

1. Pastor Dan talked about how the call of Christianity is not a call to get out of hell, or to a certain political party, or to become a better person. Christianity is a call to experience the life of Christ. In what ways have you found yourself thinking of Christianity in a way other than that?
2. The overwhelming passion of Paul's life was to know Christ. It was a passion that seemed, at times, to consume him. What are your thoughts/feelings that come to mind when you think of yourself living with that kind of passion for Jesus? (does it seem impossible, scary, too out of your control, hopeful, joy, etc)
3. Pastor Dan explained that Paul counted all things as rubbish (literally feces) in comparison to Jesus. What Paul once thought of great value is now worthless compared to Jesus. Why do you think that we struggle so much to live in such a way that our lives communicate the value of Jesus? Why do we so often pursue other things over and above Jesus?
4. Giving our whole hearts to Jesus will involve a cost. We'll have to let Jesus love through us who He wants to love and how He wants to love. We'll have to submit our will to His. What are some of the other costs to giving Christ our whole hearts? (maybe take some time to talk through people's reactions to some of the answers given...why do they feel that way?)
5. Pastor Dan made the comment that Jesus does not have our hearts if He does not get our time. Do you agree with that thought? Why or why not? What are some of the reasons why we don't give Jesus our time?
6. Pastor Dan shared that he realized recently that he places much of his confidence in his work ethic rather than in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. What are some of the areas/things that you place your confidence in rather than the Holy Spirit?
7. Take some time to pray for one another to experience a greater passion for Christ. Take some time to repent for our lack of passion and for continuing to be confident in the things that we should be counting as loss (our money, abilities, work ethic, intelligence, reputation, etc)