

Come and See

As you engage and discuss the sermon text and/or the weekly reading plan, please utilize the following four questions along with the specific questions below.

- What do you notice about WHO Jesus is & WHAT Jesus is doing?
- What is Jesus inviting you to receive?
- Who is Jesus inviting you to be?
- How is Jesus inviting you to follow Him?

January 9 *Come and See: The Light has Come*

Sermon Text: John 1:6-9, 19-34

Sermon Text Questions:

- Who is and what is the “light” referred to in John 1:1-34?
- What was John the Baptist’s purpose?
- In what ways does our purpose as God’s people line up with John the Baptist’s purpose?
- How congruent is your own life and our life as Trinity Church with that of John the Baptist?
- How might your own experience of Jesus as the Light impact your capacity to bear witness to the Light?
- What energizes you about bearing witness to the Light? What challenges you in the call to bear witness to the Light?

January 16 *Come and See: What are You Looking for?*

Sermon Text: John 1:35-2:12

Core Value: Centered in the Gospel

- In John 2:11, what does it mean, “And his disciples believed in him”?
- Who invited you to come and see Jesus? When was that? What sort of invitation was it? How did it happen?
- In what ways is faith, being a disciple following Jesus, more of a process than a one-time transaction?
- Just as Jesus asked those that came to follow Him, “what are you seeking” or “what are you looking for,” how would you answer that question?
- Jesus said to Nathanael, “...I saw you.” How did Nathanael respond? How do you respond to this?
- In what ways have you come and seen? What have you seen since deciding to follow Jesus?
- What deeper revelations, epiphanies, ‘aha moments’ have you experienced in your fellowship of Jesus and in your relationship with Jesus?
- What might prohibit you from “seeing” - experiencing and encountering Jesus more regularly?

January 23 *Come and See: True Worshipers Wanted!*

Sermon Text: John 4:1-30, 39-41

Core Value: Biblical Vibrant Worship

- What is the significance and impact of the interaction between Jesus, a Jew, and a woman of Samaria?
- It seems like an abrupt turn when the woman brings up Samaritan’s worship on one mount and the Jews on another, what is happening in the conversation?
- In what ways have you encountered Jesus like the woman at the well?
- What does it mean to “worship in spirit and in truth”? How do we/you “worship in spirit and in truth”?
- How does freedom come in an encounter with a man (Jesus) who can tell you “all you have ever done”? In what ways does freedom influence worship?
- How do the encounters you have with Jesus impact your worship and worship together as a church body?
- How is true worship cultivated? How might we cultivate true worship?
- Why is it important that the people of the town respond saying, “...indeed this is the Savior of the world”?

January 30 *Come & See: Love Letter Written in the Sand*

Sermon Text: John 8:1-11

Core Value: Radical Hospitality

- How are the different people in this narrative impacted by the events and conversation taking place – the woman, festival going worshipers/crowd in the temple, the Scribes and Pharisees, and Jesus?
- What is Jesus' posture toward the woman caught in adultery? What is the posture of the Pharisees?
- Jesus bends down twice and stands up twice in this narrative. What might the significance be in his posture and position in the different parts of this story?
- As opposed to the greater dialogue of John's Gospel, there is less between Pharisees and Jesus here. How might this be important? Does the lesser dialogue suggest anything? If so, what?
- In what ways is Jesus modeling radical hospitality?
- How does radical hospitality make room for relationship?
- How might we as individuals and the church practice the hospitality portrayed in this story?
- For us collectively and for you individually, what stands in the way of practicing radical hospitality?

February 6 *Come and See:*

Sermon Text: John 9:13-41

Core Value: Openness to Change

- What is the basis of the blind, now seeing man's witness to Jesus?
- How does the posture of the Pharisees impact the healed man, his parents, and others in the story?
- What new or alternate way of seeing are the Pharisee's being invited to? How are you/we being invited to see in a new or alternate way?
- How clearly are you seeing right now? What impedes your sight? What is currently helping you see more clearly?
- Jesus says, "For judgment I came into the world, that those who do not see may see and those who see may become blind." Where in your life have you been blind or blinded? Name an instance of time that your eyes were suddenly opened?
- How does the condition of the heart impact one's capacity for being open to change or something new?
- For what reasons might there be resistance to seeing something new or seeing a new way? What keeps us or people in general from embracing change?

February 13 *Come and See: Jesus' Prayer for the Church*

Sermon Text: John 17

Core Value: Growing in Community

- Given all that Jesus endures during His life and ministry (as we witness and hear reading through John's gospel), how might that impact what and how Jesus prays in John 17? What do you hear coming through in His prayer?
- How would you describe the community that Jesus is praying for among God's people?
- We hear the profound longing of Jesus for those the Father has given Him, for His people, for the Church. In what ways do you experience that same longing? Where do you sense resistance to this kind of community? What contributes to the resistance and thereby the lack of Christian community?
- What are the specific things that Jesus prays for His followers and disciples that would contribute to the kind of community He shares with Father?
- In what ways is building and experiencing community difficult? What factors impact the church's experience of community?
- How might oneness, love, and God's word and its sanctifying work, or the lack thereof, within any given church or the Church universal impact opportunity for growing in community?

February 20 *Come and See: Bearers of Shalom*

Sermon Text: John 20:19-23

Core Value: Missional Engagement

- Jesus says “*Peace be with you*” two times. For what reason does Jesus say this to his disciples?
- What is this “peace” that Jesus speaks over his disciples?
- Jesus says we are like Him, in what way? What is the empowerment behind His declaration?
- The receipt of the Holy Spirit enables the disciples to do what?
- If we are all ‘sent,’ what is the impact or implication for your life?
- In what ways is Jesus sending you? How is He inviting you to engage missionally?
- To whom is God sending you?
- What excites and energizes you about being “sent”? Where do you find yourself resistant to your ‘sent’ status?