



## Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

### Disciples of the Lamb January 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

(John 1:29-41)

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” <sup>30</sup> This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

<sup>32</sup> Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. <sup>33</sup> I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup> I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

<sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?”

<sup>39</sup> “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.

<sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).

1. If you had to choose one animal to come to your rescue when you were in danger, what kind of animal would you pick? What is it about that animal that would make you feel safe?
2. Look at the way John the Baptist describes Jesus in vs. 30. This seems like a kind of riddle, but how is this description fitting? How does it show that John understood his role?
3. Multiple times, John refers to Jesus as the Lamb of God. How does this title help us to understand Jesus’ purpose? Now, read the description of the first Passover in Exodus 12. Make a list of details from this Passover description that point ahead to Jesus.
4. What made it “click” for John that Jesus was the Lamb of God? Why would that have been such a powerful witness to make John certain who Jesus really was? How do we have similar testimony today?
5. When Andrew and the unnamed disciple began following Jesus, he asked them, “What do you want?” or “What do you seek?” List some different things people “seek” when following Jesus. Which of those things gives people a wrong impression of what Jesus came to do? What is it that Jesus provides for his disciples, and why is that so much better than anything else people might seek?
6. **Evaluate:** *The only solution for sin, which causes death, could be accomplished through death itself.*
7. Think of someone you know who is struggling and could use some spiritual encouragement. Pray for courage, and then invite that person to come to church with you this weekend.