



Growth Group Questions  
July 28, 2026  
“Spending the Day With Jesus”

**SCRIPTURE**

**John 1:29-42**

<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> And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup> I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”<sup>[a]</sup>

<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 they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

<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). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter<sup>[b]</sup>).

**1 John 2:1-2**

<sup>1</sup>My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup>He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

### **Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest***

"Either God or sin must die in my life. The New Testament brings us down to this one issue. If sin rules in me, God's life in me will be killed. If God rules in me, sin in me will be killed. There is no other possible outcome." -

### **Psalm 2:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> I will proclaim the LORD's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father. <sup>8</sup> Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

### **Romans 10:17**

<sup>17</sup> Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

### **John 1:43-51**

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."  
<sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup> "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip. <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." <sup>48</sup> "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."  
<sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." <sup>50</sup> Jesus said, "You believe<sup>[a]</sup> because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." <sup>51</sup> He then added, "Very truly I tell you,<sup>[b]</sup> you<sup>[c]</sup> will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on'<sup>[d]</sup> the Son of Man."

## **QUESTIONS**

1. What is sin?
2. Pastor Paul said: "Sin disrupts God's good creation and resists God's good work." What does that mean to you?
3. In a book of Oswald Chambers' devotionals entitled *My Utmost for His Highest*, Chambers said: "If sin rules in me, God's life in me will be killed." What does it look like when sin rules in a person's life?
4. Chambers also said: "Either God or sin must die in my life." What does that say to you?
5. Pastor Paul said that God wants to be in community with us. What Bible verses confirm this statement to you?

6. In 1 John 2:1-2, John tells us that Jesus is our “Advocate” and “the atoning sacrifice for our sins.” What does that mean to you?
7. What do you think John meant when he said that Jesus died “not only for our sins, but also for the sins of the whole world”?
8. Pastor Paul said that if we want to grow stronger in our relationship with Jesus, we need to abide in Jesus. What does it look like to abide in Jesus?

#### **PASTOR PAUL’S SERMON QUESTIONS**

1. What do you want?
2. What are you staying?