

Problem:

let me ask you a question - what is so amazing about Grace? "it saved a wretch like me..."
 how many of you want to see lost people found and in these empty chairs? 100 baptisms this year?
 1000?
 what we got to do is to wait for them to come...
 lost people don't seek God - Rom 3:9-18
 but God seeks lost people His - Ezek 34:1-16 through us - what are we waiting for?

Main Idea:

Come and you will see
 Follow and you will find

Come and you will see

John 1:35 ¶ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples,
 John 1:36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"
 John 1:37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.
 John 1:38 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?"
 John 1:39 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.

(1) *The next day - Jn 1:29-34*

(38) *what are you seeking? -*

come and see. - John 1:39, 46; 4:29; 9:5-7; 11:32, 34, 45; 12:9, 21; 20:1, 6 -big theme in John

contrast the response with luke - where are you staying? (asking to be with Him) contrast Luke 9:57-58;

*Abide -John 15:4-abide in me - asking them to follow Him as His disciples
 come = follow - John 8:12 = see - invite to disciple*

Follow and you will find

John 1:40 One of the two who heard John speak and **followed** Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.
 John 1:41 **He first found** his own brother Simon and said to him, "**We have found the Messiah**" (which means Christ).
 John 1:42 **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).
 John 1:43 ¶ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. **He found Philip** and said to him, "**Follow me.**"
 John 1:44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.
 John 1:45 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."
 John 1:46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "**Come and see.**"
 John 1:47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!"

John 1:48 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."

John 1:49 Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" (1:34; Ps 2; Rev 6:15-18)

John 1:50 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."

John 1:51 And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you (plural), **you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.**" (Dan 7:13-14 living link between God and man) (likely what he was meditating on under the fig tree)

(45) *follow and you will find - what the Scriptures said - John 5:39-40 (you refuse to come); 19:33-36 (came and saw what they said)*

(51) *Heaven opened - Gen 28:10-17 - none other than the house of God - where are you staying- what you are looking for?*

Implication

Unbeliever:

-what are you seeking? come and see. Do you believe? Will you follow Him?

Believer:

-following Him means finding what you were looking for (the Lamb, the Messiah, the One promised in the Scriptures, the Son of God, the king of Israel, the house of God)

-following Him also means finding others. found people find people.

wait aren't they supposed to find Him like we did?

Jn 1:41 Andrew said we found the Messiah

Jn 1:45 Phillip said we have found him of the Scriptures

how did it really happen? who finds who? - I will tell you this Jesus is not the one lost.

John was sent from God and pointed Him out to Andrew and John - 1:6-7, 35-36;

peter was found by Andrew - 1:40-42

Phillip was found by Christ - 1:43

Nathanael was found by Phillip - 1:45

all of them were found by God -

- John 6:35-44 (the Father gives us to Him- we come and see),

- John 6:64-66 (no one can come/believe unless the Father draws him)

-the ones who follow -John 10:1-5 (follows=hears); 10:24-30 (why do they see and hear)

Jn 15:16 (what He has chosen them for)

Jn 15:19 (what He has chosen them from)

You did not find Him He found you. And He will use you to find others. found people find people

read the lyrics to this great hymn we sing in church and notice the line

Jesus sought me when a stranger - <http://cyberhymnal.org/htm/c/o/comethou.htm>

sinners do not seek for God -

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/faithwalkers/2013/08/bill-blankschaen-why-i-left-your-seeker-friendly-church/>

but God seeks sinners -

<http://www.challies.com/articles/calvinism-and-evangelism>