

It's Personal – A New Approach

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Passage: John 1:43-49

"God wants you to Love Him, more than He wants you to Understand Him"

SCRIPTURE: John 1:43-49

Are you someone who would like to have a personal connection with God.....but you have questions, doubts?

If there are obstacles that make it difficult for you to embrace the message of Jesus, then today's message is for you. Andy Stanley makes the case that most adults don't become followers of Christ by getting all of their questions answered, but most times "something happens that shrinks their questions". And that Something is always "personal".

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

INTRODUCTION

Christianity can seem like a big puzzle. There are parts of it that we have put together, but for the most part it is a collection of pieces that we are still trying to figure out. And in our attempt to piece it together we sometimes get so focused on how one particular piece fits, that we lose sight of the big picture. In this session we'll discuss some of the pieces that don't seem to fit and how to deal with them.

1. What are some of the common obstacles that keep people from accepting Christianity?
2. When you were first considering Christianity, what pieces didn't seem to make sense?
3. How did you deal with the pieces of Christianity that didn't seem to fit? What pieces still bother you to this day?
4. Read [John 1:43-49](#). Nathanael was skeptical that the Messiah would come from Nazareth, as we would be skeptical if someone from an obscure and insignificant city claimed to have found the cure to cancer. And then he met Jesus. How does a relationship with God help put your objections into perspective?
5. Will we ever, on this side of eternity, be able to put all the pieces together? If not, what are we to do with the pieces that don't seem to fit?

THINK ABOUT IT

What aspect of Christianity bothers you the most? How would it change your faith if you could never resolve this issue?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

We shouldn't ignore our objections to Christianity. How could you research how other people have wrestled with this objection?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." [John 1:49](#)