



# TRUE DISCIPLES

## WEEK 7

RECEIVING JESUS  
a study in John

### Summary:

In this message, we dive into the moment when two disciples of John the Baptist encounter Jesus and ask Him a question that cuts to the heart of true discipleship: 'Where are you staying?' That single question reveals everything. They were not asking for His address. They were asking to go where He goes, to abide where He abides, to remain in His presence continuously; a message about what it means to be a true disciple of the Lord.

### Key Points:

- John the Baptist modeled a searching, intentional gaze toward Jesus that positioned him to recognize the Lamb of God and release his own disciples to follow the Messiah
- True disciples do not pick and choose when they are with Jesus but remain in him continuously, making his presence a standard rather than a moment
- The question Andrew and John asked Jesus, "Where are you staying," was not logistical but spiritual, expressing a desire to abide where Jesus abides and remain where he remains
- Jesus is found in the bosom of the Father, meaning he dwells in the heart of God, and true disciples seek to remain in that same place
- Discipleship under Jesus is not a come-out-of-the-world model but a go-into-every-sphere-of-influence model, as demonstrated when Andrew immediately went to find his brother Simon Peter
- New names given by Jesus, such as Peter meaning rock, represent the identity believers are being transformed into, not the identity they are being transformed from
- Believers must stop tearing pieces of God's garment to patch their old lives and instead put on the new garment entirely

### Scripture Reference:

John 1:35-51      Ruth 1:16-17      Matthew 9:15-16

### Reflection:

What practical habits or mindset shifts would it take for you to move from occasionally experiencing God's presence to genuinely remaining in it throughout your daily life?

When Andrew and John asked Jesus 'where are you staying,' they were really asking where he continuously dwells — if you were to ask Jesus that same question today, what do you believe he would invite you to come and see that you have not yet been willing to follow him into?

In what areas of your spiritual life might you be following a comfortable religious routine rather than genuinely following the living person of Jesus?

How might embracing the identity God has spoken over you, rather than the identity formed by your past or struggles, change the way you pursue him?

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