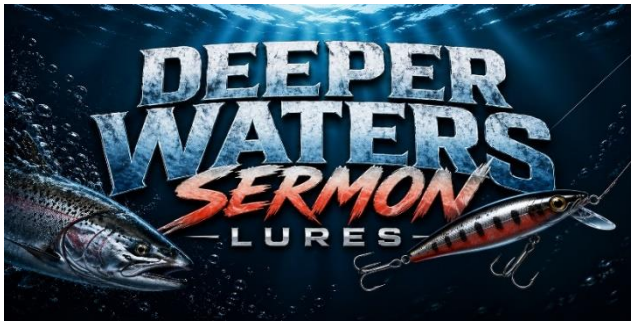




KNOW IT!

In this Confirmation Sunday message, Pastor Brian reflects on Jesus' question, "What are you looking for?" and His invitation to "Come and see" (John 1:29–42). He shares how God used many people and unexpected moments to guide him toward a calling he never planned, reminding confirmands that God's purposes often unfold differently than our own. The sermon celebrates the lifelong journey of discipleship, where each invitation to "come and see" draws us deeper into faith, community, and God's surprising grace. Pastor Brian encourages the confirmands—and the whole congregation—to stay open to God's leading and to discover the joy found in following Christ wholeheartedly.

READ IT!

- **John 4:28–30 — The Samaritan Woman's Invitation.** After meeting Jesus at the well, the woman runs back to her village saying, "*Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done.*" Her words mirror Jesus' invitation in John 1 and show how a personal encounter with Christ naturally overflows into inviting others to experience Him as well.
- **Psalm 34:8 — "Taste and See that the Lord is Good."** This psalm captures the same spirit of experiential faith. Rather than offering abstract doctrine, it calls people to discover God's goodness firsthand.
- ***The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (C.S. Lewis)** Lucy's first steps through the wardrobe mirror the spiritual invitation to "come and see." She doesn't yet understand Narnia or Aslan, but her willingness to enter leads to truth, courage, and a new identity. Like the disciples, Lucy discovers that stepping toward mystery changes everything.
- ***The Road Not Taken* (Robert Frost).** This poem captures the moment of choosing a path that leads to transformation. While not explicitly religious, its theme of stepping into the unknown — and discovering that the choice "has made all the difference" — parallels the sermon's message that following Christ's invitation reshapes our lives in ways we only understand in hindsight.

WATCH IT!

- ***The Chosen* (Season 1, Episode 1: “I Have Called You by Name”) — *RightNow Media*** This episode beautifully captures Jesus inviting His first followers to step closer and discover who He truly is. It mirrors the sermon’s emphasis on personal encounter over secondhand knowledge — the heart of “Come and See.”
 - ***The Case for Christ* (2017)** This film follows journalist Lee Strobel as he investigates Christianity with skepticism — only to discover, through firsthand encounter, that Jesus is far more than he expected. It’s a modern “come and see” story for adults and teens alike.
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LIVE IT!

Invite One Person into Something That Strengthens Faith

Just one person — a friend, a sibling, a coworker, a neighbor. Invite them to:

- join you at worship
- attend Bible study or youth group or some other Church activity
- read a short passage of Scripture with you
- serve with you at a ministry event

Take a “Holy Risk” This Week

Choose one small action that pushes you beyond your comfort zone in following Jesus. Examples:

- Pray out loud with someone who needs encouragement
 - Volunteer for a ministry you’ve never tried
 - Ask God each morning, “Where are You calling me today?” and follow the nudge. Discipleship is a road trip, not a head trip — so take one step that feels like movement.
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