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The Grand Adventure (John 1:35-39)
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1. When John the Baptist saw Jesus passing, John said to two of his disciples, “Look, the Lamb of God.”

*John the Baptist is the only one who calls Jesus this, and that title is mentioned only in the first chapter of John. What do you think of when you hear Jesus called this?

*Read John 1:29 for further modification of the name, “Lamb of God.”

*What is one of your favorite names for Jesus found in the Bible?

2. When the two disciples followed Jesus, he turned around and asked, “What do you want?”

* What did they answer? (**“Rabbi,” (which means “Teacher”) “where are you going?”**)

*If Jesus turned and asked you today, “What do you want?” what would your answer be?

3. What was Jesus’s answer to the disciples? (**“Come and see.”**)

4. Dick helped explain the adventure of “come and see” with a comparison of physical and spiritual birth. How are they the same? (**We are born and know nothing: people are giants if we can even see them, the sounds are all new, what lies ahead is completely unknown, etc. But we will understand and know these things all in good time, and we will understand and know more about life in Christ as we continue to “come and see.”**)

5. What were the three points Dick made about the adventure. (**Jesus is the center; Friendship is the way; Kindness is the currency.**)

6. Dick said, “Don’t follow Jesus if you want to be comfortable. How has that been true in your life?”

7. Dick said Gandhi took one idea of Jesus’s and drove the English out of India (**I think it was “turn the other cheek.”**) What are some sayings of Jesus that run counter to human nature and culture, but make a huge difference in lives?

8. In the illustration of the difference in water and soda, we saw that we wouldn’t want to take a bath in soda or wash our cars with soda, etc., but we want to do those things with pure water, no additives. In the same way, Dick said we should not add anything to Jesus. What kind of things have been added to Jesus, making him not only impure (not represented accurately), but even toxic?

9. Jesus is a friend to sinners.

*Who has stuck with you in hard times?

*What friend has pointed you to Jesus or led you to walk most closely with him?

*Who can you befriend so that he or she can meet Jesus?

10. Dick pointed out that kindness, not niceness, is “a concrete expression of the heart of God.” He also said, “Radical kindness equals light in the darkness.”

*What is one of your favorite examples of Jesus’s kindness?

*How can these examples be categories of ways we can be kind?

*Who has shown you “radical kindness?”