



New Hope #4

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Mark 1:14-20 and Luke 5:1-11

1. Drew began by asking, “How does someone know if you are a Christian?”

**How would you answer?

**Does the Bible give an answer?

2. Drew mentioned that, in Christianity, one does not have to “become” before they “belong.” Instead, someone can belong to the people of God before they become someone who walks and talks like a Christian.

**At Forefront (or your church), do you think newcomers feel comfortable to belong before they become?

**How can you, as an individual, do a better job of fostering a welcoming environment like this?

3. Consider the words “belief” and “faith” in the context of “belief and faith in Jesus.”

**What do those words mean and how would you describe it to a non-Jesus-follower?

For further discussion: Here are some other ways the above words have been described:

- Mental ascent (meaning that you just think that the Bible is true, or Jesus rose from the grave)
- Allegiance (“I pledge allegiance... to Jesus”)
- Obedience (following the commands of God)
- Follow (try to be like Jesus and do what he does)

**How do these words to fill out your definition of faith and belief?

**Compare all of these words: Are some better or more accurate than others, or do some fall short of the full picture?

For even more discussion: **What does it mean to have faith in a doctor, and how does that inform how we have faith in Jesus?

4. Recall the story (or even read it) from Exodus 34:29-35, where Moses had to put a veil over his face after being in the presence of God. Next, read 2 Corinthians 3:13-18, which Drew referenced in the sermon.

****How does knowing the Old Testament Story inform your interpretation of what Paul writes?**

****What is the difference between the Israelites who could not look at Moses' face, and a Christian who can "contemplate the Lord's glory?"**

5. Drew said, "Following Jesus means encountering Jesus."

****Have you encountered Jesus? If so, how?**

****If you feel as though you have not, or are unsure, do you want to encounter him? How do you supposed you would do this?**