

# What Are You Seeking?

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## John 1:35-41

### Intro: Everyone Is Seeking...

- Mat. 11:7-15 – Why did multitudes (Mat. 3:5) go to the wilderness to see John the Immerser?
- The Lord implied that they were seeking something other than what they found!
- Jn. 1:6 – A man sent from God to preach repentance, rebuke sin, and identify the Lamb of God!
- **Still, many sought to possess the kingdom on their own terms and not on God's – Mat. 7:12.**
- What we seek determines how we will end up.

### What Are You Seeking?

- **What are you seeking? Wealth (Pro. 23:5)? Pleasure (Ecc. 2:1-2)? Spouse (Pro. 18:22)? Comfort (Lk. 12:19-20)? Contentment (1 Tim. 6:6-9)? Knowledge of Christ (2 Pet. 3:18)? Salvation (Acts 16:30)?**
- Mat. 7:7-8 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”

### Who Are You Seeking?

- Acts 17:27 “so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us”
- Rom. 1:20 – Not seeking is no excuse! (Psa. 19:1-3).
- **Psa 119:2 “Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart!”**
- Isa. 55:6-7 – is there something we're not willing to give up that prevents us from seeking Him with our whole heart?
- Compare Mat. 10:38-39 & Jn. 14:9.

### Are You Seeking the Kingdom?

- Mat. 6:33 “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”  
**Compare Phil 3:20 “our citizenship is in heaven”!**

- Mat. 16:18-19 – The kingdom and the church are one and the same.
- Eph. 1:22-23 – The church is the body of Christ.
- Eph. 5:23 – Christ is the Savior of the body!
- Dan. 2:44; 1 Cor. 15:24 – An Eternal Kingdom that is heaven bound!
- Acts 2:38, 47 – Added by obeying the King!

### Are You Seeking Righteousness?

- Rom. 10:1-3 – Not by righteousness by any human standard (Isa. 64:6).
- Tit. 3:5 – Not by works of self righteousness.
- Jas. 2:24; Gal. 5:4 – Not salvation “by faith only” or once saved, always saved.
- Eph. 4:24 “and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”
- **2 Pet. 1:1 “To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ”**

### How Are You Seeking?

- Seek (zeteo): “To seek in order to find...aim at, strive after” (Thayer). **Like Mat. 13:44-46!**
- Jos. 24:15 – Requires a decision.
- Lk. 9:23, 62 – Requires persistence, focus & direction.
- Col. 3:1-2 – Requires a goal.
- Phi. 3:13-14 – Requires progress.
- Heb. 11:6 – Requires diligence.
- 2 Tim. 4:6-8; 1 Cor. 4:2 – Requires completion.

### Decision...

- What are you seeking today?
- Who are you seeking? Is it God?
- Are you seeking His kingdom and His righteousness?
- Are you seeking Him with your whole heart?
- Jas. 1:6-8 – Cannot seek doubtfully...
- Jas. 1:22-25 – But by being a hearer and a doer.