

What Do You Seek?

Take-Home 6: The Door

The study ends. The question, rightly heard, was His first. Keep this sheet.

What We Found

The last voice from the top was the oldest: a celebrated professor who ran the whole experiment, pleasure, ambition, applause, philosophy, and wrote the conclusion as a prayer: you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you (St. Augustine, Confessions 1.1). Then the reveal six weeks in the making: “What do you seek?” is the first sentence Jesus speaks in the Gospel of John, aimed at two seekers whose answer was an address, “where are you staying?” They wanted to be where He is; so did every ache we inventoried in Week 1. We traced all six encounters and found one pattern without exception: the initiative was always His, down to Psalm 27:8, where even our seeking turns out to answer a voice that spoke first: Seek my face. And we finally read the verse this study was built on: He stands at the door and knocks, He does not pick the lock, and the promise behind the door is a meal, like the one we have shared for six weeks. The handle is on the inside.

The Whole Message

Piece One: You were made, on purpose, for a relationship with God; the restlessness is a homing signal. Piece Two: Something real stands between us and what we were made for; a disease with a physician. Piece Three: The answer is a person, who asks each of us directly who we say He is. Piece Four: On the cross, God paid for the wall in person; two men, same distance, only one turned to Him and asked. Piece Five: What He did is offered as a gift: grace, faith, new birth of water and the Spirit, receivable at Nicodemus speed. Piece Six: All of it stands at your door and knocks. The handle is on the inside, and the invitation is three words: come and see.

Voices Worth Keeping

St. Augustine *Confessions, Book 10*

“Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new; late have I loved you!... You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness.”

Pope Benedict XVI *Deus Caritas Est, 1*

“Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.”

St. John Paul II *Inauguration homily, 1978*

“Be not afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ.”

Where the Path Continues

- This group: ask your host what the next study is; you are already invited.

- A conversation: your host, or a priest, will take your questions privately; no signup sheet exists.
- A Mass: come as a guest, with a friend beside you; watching is a legitimate way to seek.
- The Church's path for those who decide to enter: it begins whenever you do.
- Not yet: also honest. Nicodemus got three chapters; Jesus asked him one pointed question (John 3:10), then kept teaching him into the night.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." **Revelation 3:20**

One Last Line

Keep this sheet with your Week 1 sheet. If the knocking does not fade by Tuesday, you know what it was, and you know the three words: **come and see.**