

# “What Do You Seek?”

John 1:38

## Introduction:

- A. “What do you seek?”
  - 1. A good question for John's disciples.
    - a. Sought the Messiah - found Him. (v. 41)
    - b. Andrew sought his brother to tell about Messiah.
  - 2. For anyone.
- B. Lord wants some seekers as disciples, but does not want others:

## Discussion:

### I. Some Seekers That the Lord Does Not Want:

- A. ***Distance-seekers*** like Peter (Matt. 26:58)
  - 1. Could see Jesus, but too far for help or involvement.
  - 2. Could be identified with Jesus, but too far to stand with Him. (vs. 69-75).
- B. ***Bread-seekers*** like many of His disciples. (John 6:26,66).
  - 1. People drawn to God by teaching - not carnal bait. (vs.41-45).
  - 2. People often seek Lord and His church for wrong reasons.
- C. ***Fault-seekers*** like Judas. (John 12:3-8).
  - 1. Fault-seekers are often plausible. (v. 5)
  - 2. Fault-seekers are often ulterior (v. 4-6).
  - 3. Fault-seekers are often childish. (cf. Matt. 11:16-19.)
  - 4. Fault-seekers are often influential. (Mk. 14:4,5).
- D. ***Wisdom-seekers*** like the Greeks (1 Cor. 1:22).
  - 1. Accept on what makes sense to THEM - regardless of evidence.
  - 2. Accept little on authority of Christ - must fully understand.
- E. ***Glory-seekers*** like Diotrophes. (3 John 3).
  - 1. Such willing to work for church - if can have preeminence.
  - 2. Such will destroy a congregation to get their way.
  - 3. Such need to learn genuine humility. (Matt. 18:3; 23:11).

### II. Some Seekers That the Lord Wants:

- A. ***Peace-seekers*** like Abraham. (Gen. 13:8,9; cf. Ps. 34:14; 1 Pet 3:11).
  - 1. Not with just anybody at any price. (cf. Gen. 14:14-16).
  - 2. But willing to do *nearly* anything for peace. (v. 9)
- B. ***Solution-seekers*** like the Apostles. (Acts 6:1-7).
  - 1. Not enough to be problem spotters - need problem solvers.
  - 2. Not enough to quick-fix problems - need real solutions.
- C. ***Truth-seekers*** like Apollos. (Acts 18:24-28).
  - 1. Willing to search scriptures. (Acts 17:11)
  - 2. Willing to adjust to the truth.
- D. ***Soul-seekers*** like Paul (2 Cor. 12:14).
  - 1. Willing to go anywhere to save souls.
  - 2. Willing to go to any length to save souls. (1 Cor. 9:19-23)
- E. ***Service-seekers*** like Onesiphorus. (2 Tim. 1:16-18).
  - 1. Not prestige seekers. (v. 16).
  - 2. Not position seekers. (cf. Mt. 18:1-2)
  - 3. Not mere service attenders.

## Conclusion:

- A. "What do you seek?" - A question you must answer.
- B. How do you seek? - A question you must answer. (Heb. 11:6)
- C. Why not seek first the kingdom of God today?

