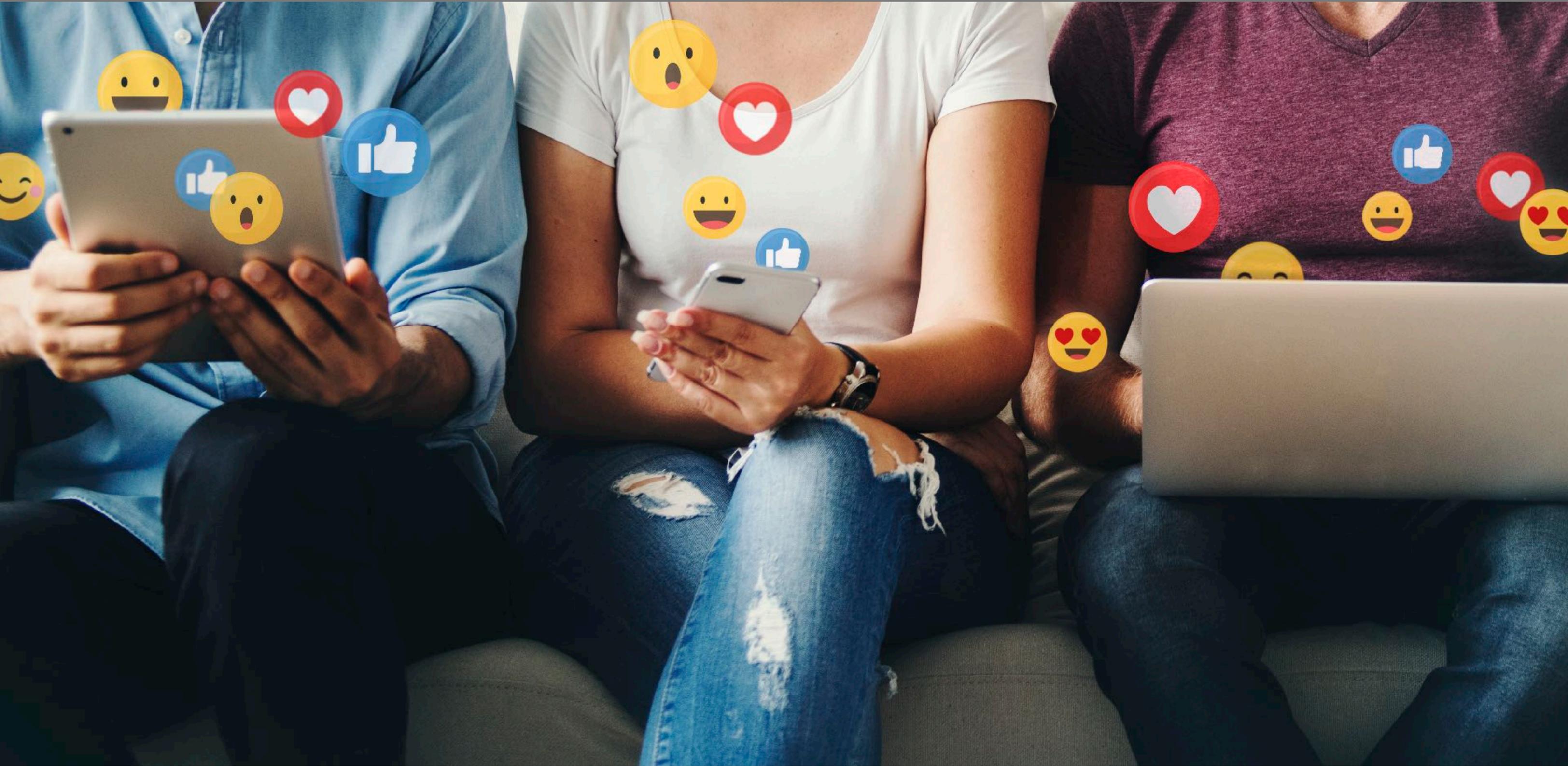


# Close Encounters Of the Christ kind

HOW AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS DRAWS US CLOSER TO GOD



Argyle Community Church Autumn 2019 Sermon Series



# An encounter with Andrew & Philip

## John 1:35–51

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**To learn how following Jesus & spending time with him causes us to share our faith with others.**



**The need to share our  
faith with people and  
invite them to follow  
Jesus has never been  
greater!**





# What happens... in John 1

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” When the two disciples heard him say this, **they followed Jesus.** So **they went and saw** where he was staying, and **they spent that day with him.** It was about four in the afternoon.

John 1:35–37, 39b



# What happens... in John 1

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and **tell him**, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he **brought him** to Jesus.

John 1:40—42a

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, **"Follow me."**

John 1:43



# What happens... in John 1

Philip found Nathanael and **told him**, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

“Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?”

Nathanael asked. **“Come and see,”** said Philip.

John 1:45—46

**Andrew & Philip follow Jesus and spend time with Him...**

**This causes them to bring others to Him.**



**Your reaction when you hear the word  
'evangelism'**



# WHY WE FIND IT HARD TO SHARE OUR FAITH

## NEGATIVE ASSUMPTION

Assume they won't be interested



## SHAME

Christianity outdated/weird/boring/LGBTphobic



## RELATIONSHIP

We don't want to spoil a good friendship



## DIFFICULT

It's too hard to answer people's objections



## FEAR

We are afraid people will stereotype us/reject us



## OPINION

Other people's opinions of us matter most to us



‘Many of us have heard opportunity knocking at our door; but by the time we unhooked the chain, pushed back the bolt, turn two locks and switched off the burglar alarm, it was gone.’

**J. John**



# THE HEART OF CHRISTIANITY ...

...is not about

Rules

Religion

Ritual

...is about

Rescue

**v29** Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Revelation

**v41** “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).

Relationship

**v39** So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation  
2 Cor. 5:17



**I am accepted**



**I am secure**

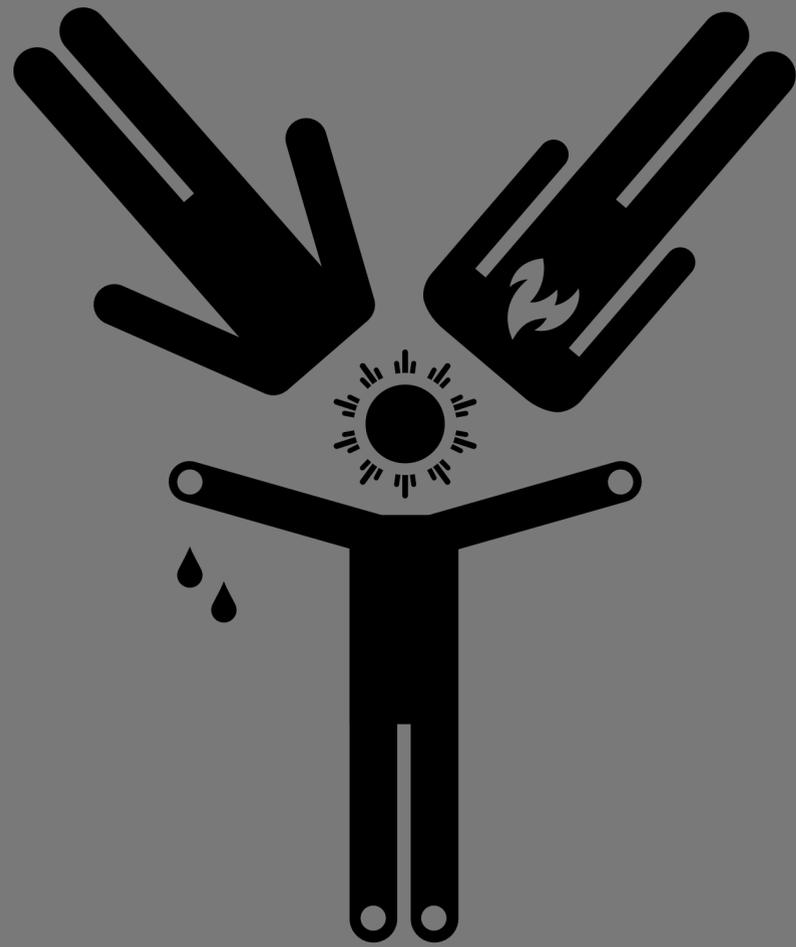


**I am significant**

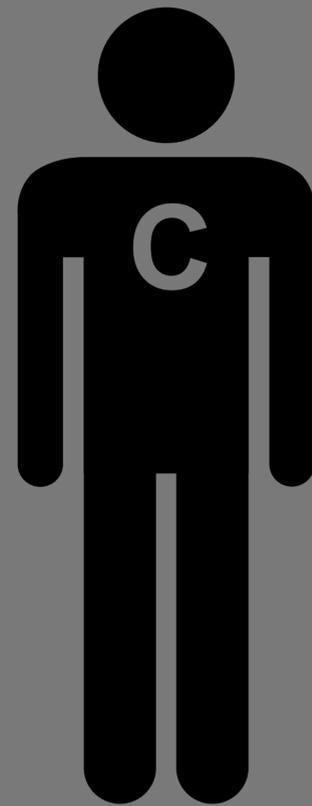
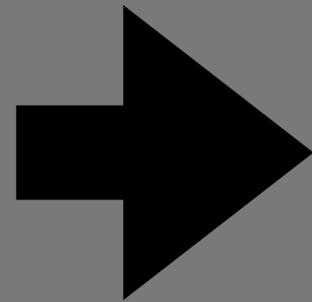


# The propulsion of relationship

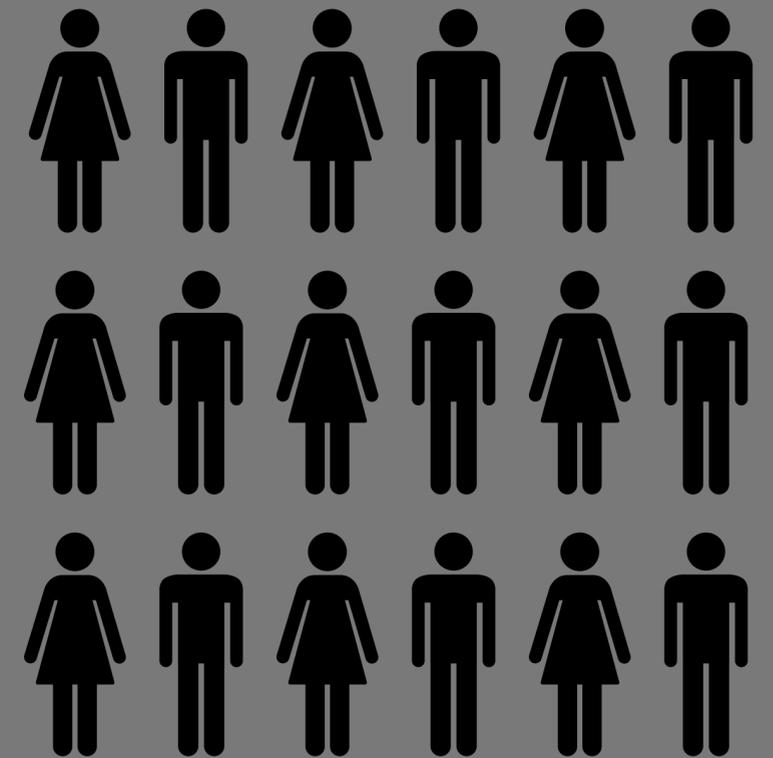
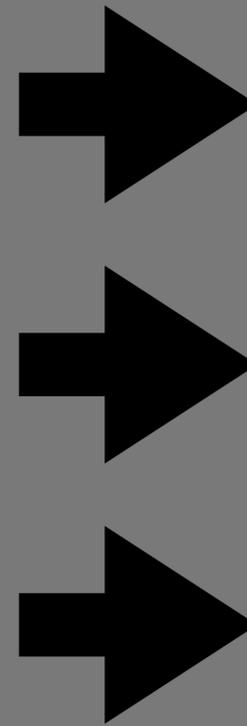
2 Cor.  
5:14



Grace



Shalom



Evangelism

**How do I get  
close to  
Christ?**

**Spend time  
taking in  
who you are  
'in Christ'**





# I am accepted

**I renounce the lie that I am rejected, unloved, or shameful. In Christ I am accepted. God says:**

- I am God's child (John 1:12)
- I am Christ's friend (John 15:5)
- I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
- I am united with the Lord and I am one spirit with Him (1 Cor. 6:17)
- I have been bought with a price: I belong to God (1 Cor. 6:19–20)
- I am a member of Christ's body (1 Corinthians 12:27)
- I am a saint, a holy one (Ephesians 1:1)
- I have been adopted as God's child (Ephesians 1:5)
- I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)
- I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins (Col. 1:14)
- I am complete in Christ (Colossians 2:10)



# I am secure

**I renounce the lie that I am guilty, unprotected, alone, or abandoned. In Christ I am secure. God says:**

- I am free from condemnation (Romans 8:1–2)
- I am assured that all things work together for good (Romans 8:28)
- I am free from any condemning charges against me (Rom. 8:31–34)
- I cannot be separated from the love of God (Romans 8:35–39)
- I have been established, anointed, & sealed by God (2 Cor. 1:21–22)
- I am confident that the good work God has begun in me will be perfected (Philippians 1:6)
- I am a citizen of heaven (Philippians 3:20)
- I am hidden with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3)
- I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control (2 Timothy 1:7)
- I can find grace and mercy to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16)
- I am born of God and the evil one cannot harm me (1 John 5:18)



# I am significant

**I renounce the lie that I am worthless, inadequate, helpless, or hopeless. In Christ I am significant. God says:**

- I am the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5:13–14)
- I am a branch of the true vine, Jesus, a channel of His life (Jn. 15:1,5)
- I have been chosen and appointed by God to bear fruit (John 15:16)
- I am a personal, Spirit-empowered witness of Christ's (Acts 1:8)
- I am a temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:16)
- I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Corinthians 5:17–21)
- I am a fellow worker with God (2 Corinthians 6:1)
- I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 2:6)
- I am God's workmanship, created for good works (Eph. 2:10)
- I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3:12)
- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me! (Phil. 4:13)
- I am not the great "I Am," but by the grace of God I am what I am. (See Exodus 3:14; John 8:24, 28, 58; 1 Corinthians 15:10.)

**A church who  
embraces her  
identity in Christ**

