Teluminating REALITY

Welcome To Long Beach Alliance Church!

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 30-MAY 1

STAFF IS ATTENDING
DISTRICT CONFERENCE



A Memorial Service For:

Jeremy Littlefield



Saturday, May 4 @ 12:00PM
Reception Following Service
Long Beach Alliance Church

RSVPREQUIRED!
Use QR Code To Respond!



QUESTIONING EVANGELISM

(Engaging People's Hearts the Way Jesus Did)

Discussion Leader: Elder Scott Slade

10 week discussion using Scripture and the book*
"Questioning Evangelism" by Randy Newman (book not required)

We are all on a mission to share the love of Christ with whomever the Lord sets in our paths, but how can we most effectively point people to the truth?

11:15 – 12:15, in the downstairs classroom (snacks provided!)

This week: Responding to the question "Why should we believe an ancient book written by dead Jewish men?"



Saturday, May 11 · 8AM · Church Lobby

Food · Fellowship · Encouragement

Contact John Moses (562.755.0920) with any questions!

Curious Calling

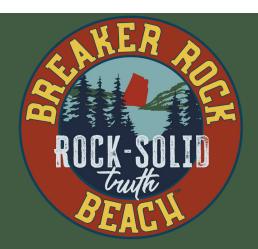
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1) The Unfolding Of Identity

- a) John moves the story forward (John 1:35, "the next day..."), even though this new section serves as a sort of 'telescopic expansion' of the preceding section (John 1:29-34).
- b) There is also forward progress in the contraction of John the Baptist's preparatory ministry (Isaiah 40:3-5; John 1:23) toward an expansion of Jesus Christ's ministry, highlighted in Jesus' welcome of new disciples (John 1:37-51).
- c) When two of JTB's disciples begin following Jesus, even calling Jesus "Rabbi" (John 1:38), Jesus' response welcomes them to "come and you will see" where He lives and what being one of His disciples will be like (1:39-40).
- d) This leads to further unravelling of Jesus' identity when Jesus is discovered as "the Messiah" ("Christ" or Promised One, John 1:41).
- e) Even more interesting is Jesus renaming Simon as Cephas/ Peter (the word for rock in Aramaic & Greek, John 1:42).

f)	These stories serve as introductions, setting the stage for a gradual revelation of what each of these names mean. We know the name, but not what the name means quite yet.
g)	"The next day" (John 1:43), Jesus again tells Philip to "follow me ." Then something extraordinary happens
h)	Philip goes and finds Nathanael, and invites him to come and see "the Christ" (John 1:45), but Nathanael cynically responds with a perjorative assessment of Nazareth (John 1:46), filled with prejudice and doubt.
i)	But Philip's response has no defensiveness, and is a carbon copy of Jesus' invitation to "come & see" about this "Jesus from Nazareth" (John 1:46).
j)	This leads to Jesus miraculously revealing a bit about Himself to Nathanael, to which Nathanael reveals a bit more about Jesus (John 1:48–51).
k)	This section of John 1:35-51 is a master class in evangelism, revelation, and Christ's calling for discipleship. It provides each of us with tremendous inspiration and hope for God's calling in our own lives, and in reaching out to others!

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VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

June 24-28, 2024

Registration open for students and volunteers Space is limited - Register today! Go to lbac.org and click on the VBS 2024 Registration link on the home page

We still need volunteers!

Questions??? Meghan Brearley 562.708.9261 or meghan@lbac.org

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SAVE THE DATE - VBS Leaders Meeting Saturday, May 18 10 AM



LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, April 28

9:30AM Gospel Project: Children's Ministry 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service 11:15AM **Questioning Evangelism Class**

Monday, April 29

7:00PM Pure Desire Ministry Meeting Survivors of Incest Anonymous 7:00PM

Tuesday, April 30

SPA District Conference- Office Closed Betrayal & Beyond Mtg @ Eberharts 7:00PM Men's Bible Study @ the Millers 7:00PM Middle/High School Youth Grou 7:00PM

Wednesday, May 1

SPA District Conference-Office Closed 6:30PM **AWANA**

6:30PM Betrayal & Beyond @ Eberharts/Zoom

Thursday, May 2

9:30AM Women's Bible Study @ the Millers Bible Study @ the Holland/Carriveaus 6:30PM Betraval and Beyond @ the Eberhart's 7:00PM

Friday, May 3

MAoo:8 Men's In-Person/Zoom Bible Study 8:00PM NA In-Person Meeting

Saturday, May 4

Vision School 10:00AM Youth & Women Arts & Crafts Party Contact Kathie Metz: kathiemetz@msn.com 10:00AM

Jeremy Littlefield's Memorial Service 12:00PM

Sunday, May 5

9:30AM Gospel Project: Children's Ministry Worship & Celebration Service 9:30AM 11:15AM Questioning Evangelism Class

MISSIONS

Information Coming Soon!

LIFE GROUPS

Contact: office@lbac.org Mid-week Adult Bible Studies

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES LBAC Children's Ministries!

Sunday Mornings: Gospel Project @ 9:30AM

AWANA

LBAC AWANA

Wednesday Nights September-May

YOUTH MINISTRIES

LBAC Youth Ministries! LBAC Youth Instagram Page Every Tuesday Night @ 7:00PM

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

LBAC Women's Ministry! Women's Ministry Event Information Contact: office@lbac.org

> Lydia House Meals Ministry 3rd Thursday of each month

Women Connecting with Missions

Crafty Women 3rd Saturday of each month @ 10:00AM

MEN'S MINISTRIES

LBAC Men's Ministry! Contact: mensministry@lbac.org

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