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Behold (John 1:29)

Warmup: When you hear “Behold,” do you think angels, Shakespeare, or just someone being extra?

Throughout your waking hours, what captures your attention? What do you behold—intentionally or unintentionally—as you move through your day?

READ these verses in the English Standard Version (ESV) Matt 9:10, 9:18, 9:20, 9:32, John 1:29

- Pastor Neil said “Behold” is used _____ times in Scripture.
- Why do Matthew and John preface these statements with “behold?”
- The disciples were transformed in their “beholding” of Jesus. What did “beholding Jesus” look like for the disciples? Break into groups and list as many aspects as you can in 90 seconds, then compare and discuss.

REFLECT

- Just as God beheld each of the disciples, He beholds you. Do you ever pause and think of God beholding you with love during your day? Why or why not?
- In the Matthew verses we encountered a tax collector, a ruler, a suffering woman, and a demon possessed man, each one beheld the love of God.
 - Beholding God and knowing His love is transforming. In what ways is beholding God’s love transforming your life?

RESPOND

- In beholding the presence of God, we receive His love and shalom. Shalom is the state of overflowing goodness, everything as it was created to be, peaceful, prosperous and safe.
 - How does beholding God’s love and shalom motivate you to respond to Him?
- As you behold God this week, what new step will you take to join His shalom-bringing work?

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