



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: Beholding the One Who Comes

Speaker: Rich Villodas – Lead Pastor

Scriptures: John 1:27

37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. **38** Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, the fourth week of Advent, we will reflect on what it truly means to behold. We will explore a familiar passage of Scripture that invites us to slow down, pay attention, and focus on what matters most. The service will also include a Blue Christmas moment, creating space to acknowledge grief, weariness, and the tender places in our hearts where God longs to bring healing and hope.

Sermon Questions:

1. When is the last time you were truly attentive to something or someone that opened your heart?
Share your experience
2. Pastor Rich said, “We don’t know how to behold, we know how to be numb.” What do you find yourself using to distract and numb yourself the most?
3. In Christianity, there is a lot of focus on believing and behaving, but there needs to be more focus on beholding. Why do you think beholding is so important and also most ignored?
4. Pastor Rich shared three ways to focus on beholding Jesus:
 - In the Scripture
 - In Silence
 - In the Stranger (behold their story)
 - ◆ Which of these do you most need to practice and make intentional time for?
 - ◆ What is one next step you can take to make room for beholding Jesus this next week?