

PCOM SERMON NOTES

January 18, 2026 • Pastor Courtney Ellis

Sermon Series: Epiphany: Nothing but Christ

Scripture: John 1:29-34; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Sermon Notes:

1. Following Jesus is _____ and _____.

John 1:30 - One who comes after me is greater than me because he comes before me.

God the Artist communicates to us first, before God the lecturer. — Makoto Fujimura, *Art and Faith*

2. Following Jesus is _____ and _____ .

1 Corinthians 1:2 - together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Every instance of “you” in this passage is plural (you all).

The movement of the Spirit of God in the hearts of men and women often calls them to act against the spirit of their times. — Howard Thurman

3. Jesus is always _____.

God is the primary actor — in Scripture, in our lives.

1 Corinthians 1:8 - He will keep you firm to the end.

Questions for discussion on reverse side.

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1. What do you think a letter from Paul to us here at PCOM would say?
2. Do you relate more to Jesus as your personal savior (a local, personal faith) or to Jesus as the leader of the global church (a global, communal faith)? Why?
3. How might leaning into the one you relate to less sharpen and deepen your faith?
4. How does it affect you that Jesus is always faithful - even when you are not? What does this teach us about who God is and how God loves us?

Next week's Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 with Pastor Jackson.