What Seek Ye John Hunter

I. Introduction.

A. Text: John 1:19.

B. Jesus takes away the sins of the world and to baptize with the Holy Spirit.

C. The Holy Spirit's job is to make Christ known in the heart of the believer.

II. John preached repentance of sins, but the message he preached did not satisfy some of his young followers.

A. Many Christians are looking for more than forgiveness.

B. We are supposed to be complete in Christ (Colossians 2:10), but when Christians do not find this they look for other experiences.

C. They were reaching out and Jesus acknowledged this with the question, "What seek ye?"

III. Many young people do not know where they are going.

A. Many pursue success, honor or fame.

B. Success for the believer is obedience to the revealed, known will of God regardless of the consequences. Biblical success is not measured by the consequences.

C. Isaiah's story is woe, lo and go. Isaiah would have been a failure in the eyes of the world, but he was the greatest success in the eyes of heaven. (Isaiah 6)

D. Jeremiah preached without anyone believing, but he was still successful by heaven's standards.

E. Even Jesus would have appeared to be a failure as a young man.

IV. When you come to Jesus you will come and see.

Application questions:

1. What is biblical success?

2. Why is it difficult to stick to the Bible's definition of success instead of the world's?

3. What does biblical success look like practically in your life today? Explain.