

The Gospel of John: That You May Believe

First Disciples

John 1:35-51 (page 740)

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A disciple:

Hears and follows Jesus

(John 1:35-39; Matt 6:19-21; John 5:36-40)

Can't help but tell others about Jesus

(John 1:40-42; 6:1-11; 12:20-22)

- Jesus sees us not only as we are, but what He will make us (v 42; Matt 3:19-20; Acts 9:10-15; 2 Cor 5:17)

Listens and obeys Jesus

(John 1:43-44; Luke 6:46-49; John 14:8-14)

Trusts Jesus to do the convincing

(John 1:45-51; Gen 28:10-22)

CLOSING OBSERVATIONS:

First: These were all just ordinary men

Second: Jesus dealt with each one differently

Third: Authentic evangelism begins with authentic relationship with Jesus.

Fourth: As Jesus called these men, He also calls us.

Growth Group
Sermon Study Helps
John 1:35-51 (Week Four)

(Note: This guide is to help *facilitate* discussion with your Growth Group. Use it as a *RESOURCE* for the group in discovering and applying the truths of God's Word. There may be questions you *do not want to use* and there may be instances where the group *chooses to focus on a particular point, verse or truth*. This guide is to assist the group in growing in their relationship with Christ and the Scriptures, thus, it is not necessary to complete all of the points in the discussion guide...use this with flexibility and not as a rigid task list to get through. God's richest blessing upon you all.)

Intro:

This week, we see Jesus now take center stage, so to speak. As He begins His public ministry, He starts by beginning to assemble followers...disciples. There is so much going on in this passage of Scripture - you can look at it from many angles. From each *individual who meets Jesus*...from an *evangelistic* view...from a *discipleship* view...from an *unbeliever's* view...from *Jesus' view*...well, you get the picture. I hope that your study of the section will stretch and cause you to think more deeply about your own response to Jesus and others. Enjoy!

Discussion Questions:

What was John the Baptist encouraging his own disciples to do in v 35-36? Why?

Read through vs 35-51 together and list all of the titles that these men ascribe to Jesus. Discuss the significance of each title and why they express their response to Him in each of those ways.

The first words of Jesus in this gospel come in the form of a question (v 38). Discuss the importance of that question as it relates to Jesus? To Andrew and John? To you? To anyone?

What is an important practical truth that one could glean from vs 40-41? What is the first thing you think about when you think of those you know who don't yet know Christ? Explain.

What does it mean to follow Jesus? What hinders us from following Jesus? What must we leave to follow Jesus?

What can we learn from Philip about leading a skeptical person to Jesus? (vs 45-46)

Why did Nathanael call Jesus the "Son of God" and the "King of Israel"? (v 48-49) What convinced you that He is?

How can we spend time with Jesus to get to know Him better? Why is this important as one of His followers?

What about Christ stirs skepticism today?

How does Jesus' identity as the Son of God inspire your confidence in Him to lead you in life?

Taking it to the streets....

What change in your daily routine would enable you to follow Christ better?

In what way will you acknowledge Jesus as the ruler of your life this week?

Whom do you want to introduce to Jesus this week? How would you introduce Christ to a friend or relative? A skeptic?