

## Week 2 | Come and See Discussion Guide

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### How to Use This Discussion Guide

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• Use the questions in each section below as a springboard for discussion. Do not feel like you have to follow the study guide religiously or hit every question. Sometimes you will only need 1 or 2 questions in a section. These questions are designed to help spark discussion. Refer to them as needed. Your goal is to get to the Application Questions. We want to make sure we are responding to the truths of God for us.

#### **BACKGROUND FOR THE LEADER:** *Thank you for helping connect people in Authentic Relationships!*

In our passage today, we see the beginning of Jesus forming His team - His disciples. Those that He would walk with, teach, and commission to help begin His church. At the end of John chapter 1, we see Him call His first followers (disciples). From it we learn a great deal about how we join Jesus on His mission of bringing light to the darkness. Of helping call others to become fully devoted followers of Jesus. The calling of the first disciples is packed with some helpful moments for us to learn from and imitate.

When Jesus saw Philip, He stopped and told him to “Follow Me!” Philip did what Andrew had done the day before – he went to someone he cared for, Nathanael, and challenged him to come and meet with Jesus. A wonderful pattern emerges in these verses. Jesus calls people to “Follow Me,” and those people in turn call others to “come and see” – and to follow Jesus as well. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you can ask friends and family to “come and see” Jesus, too. That was the pattern among Jesus’ first disciples. They were called. They called others.

Jesus’ calling of the first disciples was done in personal ways. Jesus singled out people He called to be His disciples, and He called some of them by name. He knew things about them that only God could know. He called these men to a life of discipleship, and He is doing the same thing today. Jesus knows you. He knows me. And He calls us to follow Him, making Him the Lord (ruler and boss) of our lives. Jesus loves you just as you are, with all of your imperfections and weaknesses. He knows your potential. What Jesus told Nathanael could be said to you and I today: “Greater things than this will you see.” God has a wonderful plan for your life, and it begins with you saying “yes” to the call to follow Him as a disciple that calls others to “come and see” and follow Jesus as well.

### Connection

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1. When have you witnessed the power of someone’s words? What effect did it have on you? On others? In a situation? Why do you think words have so much power?
2. What’s a favorite “life hack”, or cooking hack that you love to share with your friends? Why do you feel compelled to share that with them?
3. What was the last thing you discovered that was so good, you could hardly wait to tell someone?

### Engage God’s Word - Read [John 1:35-51](#) as a group

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#### Discussion:

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1. When you have good news to share, who is the first person you want to tell?
2. Who was the first person who shared his or her faith with you? How did that impact you?
3. Did John do anything special in talking about Jesus to Andrew? Explain.

4. What ultimately caused Andrew to follow Jesus? Why do you think he went and told his brother first?
5. How do Andrew's actions give a model for identifying one person in our lives to point to Jesus? How difficult do you think it would be to seek to share with others about Jesus in the way Andrew did?
6. What was Nathanael's initial reaction? How did Philip respond? What can you learn from this encounter?

### **Review these main points from the weekend message with your group:**

Sunday, Dave shared that our goal is to make an impact on our community and try to change the numbers of those that are not connected to a church home. (55% of everyone we see around the area) Our desire is to **Make Jesus the Center of our Homes** so that we can impact our community and change lives for Jesus. He shared that our goal is not just to convert people to faith, or baptize them, or have people gather weekly together, or to even just have bible knowledge and give a percentage of their income to the work of Jesus. (which are all good things)

No, our goal (God's goal for us) is: **To Make Fully Devoted Followers of Jesus**. He also shared that Fully Devoted followers make time daily for Jesus - through time in the Word of God and Time Praying and Listening to the Spirit.

1. What was challenging in Sunday's message?
2. What did God bring to your heart and mind as a result of Sunday's message?
3. How encouraging is it to know that we are not alone, that God has given us His Spirit to help us in our journey with Jesus?

### **Application Questions:**

1. What are some things about your life that you hope point others to Jesus?
2. As disciples of Jesus, our task is to constantly be connected to Jesus while also connecting others to the Jesus we know. - How are you doing at fulfilling this task?
3. What is the greatest challenge for you in sharing your faith? How can our group be a source of encouragement and support for one another as we invite others to "come and see"?
4. What might be some present-day sticking points that keep people from coming to Jesus? How should we respond?
5. What next steps is God calling you to? How will you act obediently?
6. Which of your friends, classmates, or neighbors could you introduce to Jesus? How might you lead them to "come and see"?
7. Is anyone in your immediate family a non-Christian? If so, briefly share what your experience of sharing your faith with that person has been like. Discuss how your sharing resembled the examples in our passage today; and how it was different. How can your approach be adjusted? When will you invite them to "Come and see"?

### **Pray For One Church. One Vision. Every Day at 1:00 PM**

- Set a timer on your phone or clock each day at 1:00 PM. Pray that the light of Jesus would shine through you to the community around you. Pray for the one(s) that God places on your heart, in your mind, and in your path. Pray for the church as we continue forward as One Church with One Vision.