



Northland Christian Church Group Discussion Guide For the Week of November 21, 2021

Use the questions below as a springboard for discussion. You do not have to answer every question. These are intended to help spark discussion. Refer to as needed. Ultimately we want God's answers, not man's opinions. Always land where God lands. (ex: Where do we see that in the Bible?) Give grace. Give time for growth. Don't force it.

Connect

- When you were growing up, what would it take for you to believe something your brother or sister told you? (or cousin or close friend if no siblings) Were you trusting? Gullible? Skeptical?
- If you could write a book about your life, what would the title be and why?

The Context

John Chapter 1:43-51

Today, we continue to dive into the Gospel of John, where a group of people give up everything to take on a brand new calling to follow Jesus. Jesus is building a team - a family - a church. One disciple at a time inviting and investing in one disciple at a time. Why? To bring hope, forgiveness, new life, and more to the world. He's inviting all of us and all others to join Him on this mission to change lives through an inviting mission of seeing and sharing Jesus. Pointing people to Jesus isn't about finding a spot for it on your schedule, it's about including it in your current schedule. Welcome to the Kingdom team.

Engage the Bible - Read and Review Surprises, Takeaways, and Observations from:

John 1:43-51 NIV

"The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." 44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." 46 "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. 47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." 48 "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." 49 Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." 50 Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." 51 He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

Discuss

1. How does Jesus get connected to Philip? How does He invite Philip? How does Philip invite Nathanael? What can we learn from this?
2. Doug shared Sunday that: *The invitation to follow Jesus, is an invitation to invite like Jesus and help people see Jesus.* Who was the John or Philip in your life that God used to reveal Jesus to you? How did they invite you to first see Jesus?
3. Think about what it was like when you were first introduced to Jesus. Was it more about the words they spoke or the life they lived? What can you learn from this for the future?

4. What are your thoughts on the following phrase that Doug shared Sunday? *Pointing people to Jesus isn't about finding a spot for it on your schedule, it's about including it in your current schedule.*
5. What does Jesus's statement about Nathanael teach us about Jesus? (See verses 47-48)
6. Doug shared that: *The invitation to follow Jesus is an invitation to help people see Jesus.* What attributes of Jesus are most meaningful to you right now? What are some of the main truths of the person of Christ Jesus that have touched your heart? Make a list as a group. This could be an encouraging list to review and share with others when things get tough.
7. What could you share with others about how Jesus has changed your life?
8. How do the "3 Not's" help when thinking about sharing and pointing people to Jesus? (1. Not going well. 2. Not from around here. 3. Not what I expected.)
9. What was going on in your life when you put your trust in Jesus?
10. Doug also shared that: *The invitation to follow Jesus, is an invitation to see people as Jesus sees them.* When have you most felt seen or really known? How has Jesus proved that He truly sees you?
11. How does Jesus help you to see people? Can you think of any daily rhythms or focuses that will help us to more consistently see people as Jesus sees them?
12. As you have been following Jesus, how has He invited you to play a role in the Kingdom and team He is building? (Consider talents, relationships, work, experiences, discipling, creativity, passions, your story...)
13. Are there thoughts or things in your life right now that hinder you from inviting others to come and see Jesus?
14. In what specific ways have you seen Jesus connecting you to the Father? Or bring Heaven to Earth? How have you seen Him working supernaturally in the past? (Consider provision, relationships, guidance, healing, divine appointments...)

Challenge:

**Last week you created a list of people to share Jesus with. (If not, you can do this today)
Could your group host a gathering and invite these folks over for good food, fun, and conversation?
How will you do this? When will you do this?**

**Could you invite them to join your group - or a new group you begin?
(contact Pastor Doug for help with this: Groups@northland.cc)**

End Your Group Time in Prayer