



Read the Gospel

Read the Scripture and overview below before your Life Group meets.

Scripture passage: John 1:35-51

Everyone goes through life on a search. Some search for the meaning of life, others for guidance and peace. Many are consumed with seeking security, money, power, or notoriety, longing for a day when they will encounter someone or something that will lead them to greater purpose and significance. The issue is not that their dreams or ambitions are too high, but rather that their sights are set too low. Instead of seeking the things down on earth, however, they should be looking up to the heavens for that which is eternal.

As we wrap-up John chapter 1, we discover that the search of several ordinary men is over, as a swift change in allegiance takes place. John the Baptist's disciples become disciples of Jesus, and what was once for them a search, turns into a fulfilling and abundant life lived on mission for Jesus – the long awaited Messiah.

Pray for the Work of the Gospel

Use the first few minutes of your lesson to lead your group in a focused prayer time.

- **Praise** God by speaking His attributes to Him (Lord, You are faithful, forgiving, trustworthy, etc.)
- **Repent** from spiritual apathy.
- **Ask** God to help you lead cultivate the “greater things” He has for you that are found in Jesus.
- **Yield** to the Holy Spirit's work as you make disciples and multiply disciple-makers.

Engage in the Gospel

Use these questions to engage in an informative and impactful discussion with your Life Group.

Read John 1:35-39

- As John the Baptist's ministry fades into the background and Jesus' earthly ministry begins, describe John's attitude. (See John 3:30). Find a few verses about humility in your Bible. Discuss these along with John's response and positive example.
- Jesus asked the two men in verse 38 an interesting question: “What are you seeking?” How might this question be helpful when you encounter someone who does not know the Lord? How could you use it to encourage conversation and point others to Christ?
- What is Jesus' response to His two soon-to-be disciples? What is Jesus' response to us? (See Revelation 3:20 & 22:17)
- Look at the following “come to me” verses. What do these passages tell you about the person of Jesus Christ?
 - Matthew 11:28, 19:13-14
 - John 5:40, 6:37, 6:44, 6:65, 7:37



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- After Jesus' invitation, what did these new Christ-followers do? (John 1:39-41)
- Why is spending time with Jesus so vital to the believer? Is this something you do on a daily basis? What keeps you from time with the Lord? What can you do this week to ensure that you spend quality time with Jesus?

Read John 1:40-51

- Jesus called three more disciples to "follow Him" in these verses, and each first encounter was unique. Take time to discuss Jesus' first encounter with these men and the significance of each.
- Pastor McKinley said in his message, "Your future is not based on who you are or who you were; it is based on who Christ is." How was this truth made real in the lives of the disciples? How is it made real in us? (See Acts 4:13, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31)
- Despite Nathanael's prejudice question, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?", Jesus chose to use him anyway. What sinful thought patterns could possibly hinder your relationship with the Lord? Have you ever had a preconceived notion or assumption that was rooted in pride about someone else and chose not to develop a relationship with them? How did the Lord deal with you regarding this?
- Pastor McKinley said, "Prayer is what changes what we see and how we see it." What do you need to take to the Lord in prayer and allow Him to bring into focus?
- After Nathanael's affirmation of Jesus, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God!", Jesus speaks to him of "greater things" that are to come. To what is Jesus referring? Describe the symbolism and significance of this reference. (See Genesis 28:10-12 and John 1:50-51)
- Because God sent Jesus as a ladder providing a connecting point from heaven to earth, we are given access to some "greater things" as believers. Discuss these "greater things," and their impact on our lives. (See John 17:3, Romans 11:33, John 14:21, 2 Corinthians 3:18)
- Do you see these "greater things" in your life as a result of living on mission for Jesus? Why or why not?

Live the Gospel

These questions are meant to encourage you to apply spiritual truth and live on mission for Jesus. It is your Life Group leader's responsibility to challenge you and hold you accountable to taking steps of growth and faith. Take these questions to heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to prompt you to grow in your role as a disciple and ultimately a disciple-maker.

- Who will you identify, invest in, and ultimately invite to "come and see" Jesus?
- How you begin investing in them this week?

Joshua Code memory verse:

*But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God."
– Ruth 1:16*