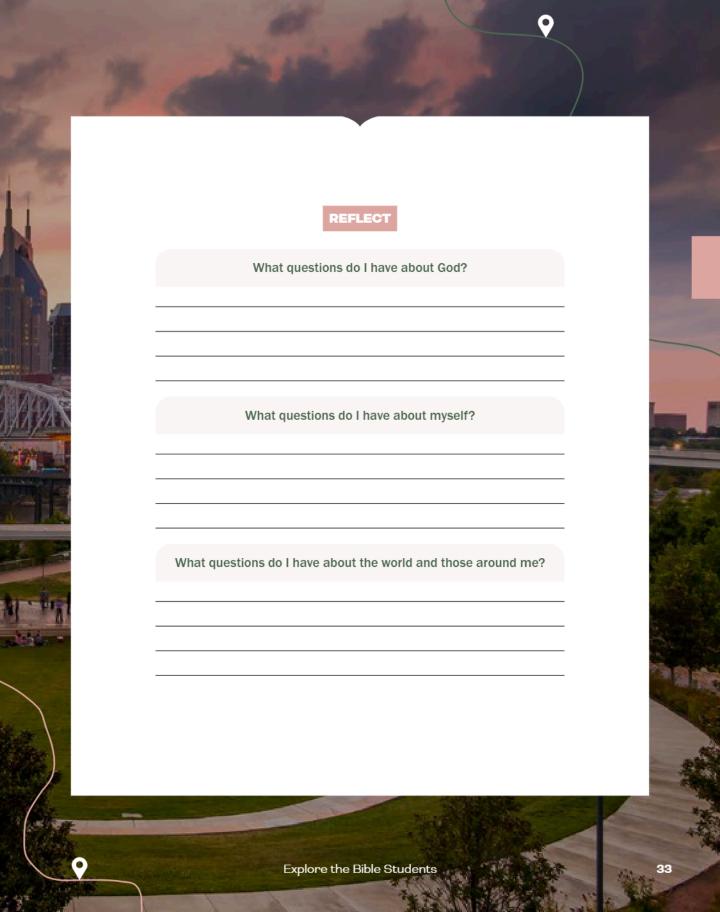
Session 04

Come and SEE!

CENTRAL TRUTH | We are called to follow Jesus and tell others about Him.

"Who do you follow?" Often when someone asks us this question, they're asking about who we follow (or don't follow) on social media. In this situation, "following" someone means hitting the "subscribe" button, keeping up with the individual's content, and not much else. But following Jesus involves much, much more—it's the greatest adventure we can be a part of. When we follow Jesus, we trust in Him for salvation, and we're gifted with the Holy Spirit to help us live in a way that pleases the Lord and demonstrates love for others. We are called to follow Jesus and tell others about Him.







JOHN 1:35-39

³⁵ The next day, John was standing with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this and followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and noticed them following him, he asked them, "What are

you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ "Come and you'll see," he replied. So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.

JOHN 1:40-42

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed him. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which

is translated "the Christ"), ⁴² and he brought Simon to Jesus. When Jesus saw him, he said, "You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated "Peter").

JOHN 1:43-51

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. He found Philip and told him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the law (and so did the prophets): Jesus the son of Joseph, from Nazareth." ⁴⁶ "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathanael asked him. "Come and see," Philip answered. ⁴⁷ Then Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom

there is no deceit." ⁴⁸ "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you," Jesus answered. ⁴⁹ "Rabbi," Nathanael replied, "You are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus responded to him, "Do you believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." ⁵¹ Then he said, "Truly I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."





JOHN 1:35-39

READ & RESPOND

Many of us are familiar with the idea of being followers. This may often look like hitting the "subscribe" button on social media. However, following Jesus includes so much more than following someone on social media. John the Baptist told his followers to expect the arrival of Jesus, the Lamb of God. So, when Jesus finally entered the scene, John willingly allowed his disciples to follow Jesus—an act that demonstrated true humility. Following Jesus means we trust in Him for salvation and rely on the Spirit's power to live in a way that pleases Him. As Christ's followers, we—like John the Baptist—are called to demonstrate true humility and point others to the life-changing hope of the gospel.

MEMORIZE

On a piece of paper or a notes app on your device, write out **John 1:49** ten times in a row. After the tenth time, say the verse out loud without looking at it.

PRAY

Lord Jesus, You are the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Help me to live in a humble way as I help those around me to love and follow You.

JOHN 1:40-42

READ & RESPOND

Have you ever been so excited about good news that you couldn't wait to share it with someone? Yesterday, we read about John the Baptist's disciples becoming disciples of Jesus. Andrew was one of those disciples, and he eagerly told his brother, Simon, that the long-awaited Messiah had arrived. Once Simon was brought to Jesus, Jesus changed his name to Peter. Though we don't know exactly why, it's possible that the Lord changed Simon's name as a mark of his unique calling to be a leader within the early church (see Matt. 16:16-18). Following Jesus is a transformative, life-changing experience—and the greatest adventure we can be a part of. Like Andrew, we are called not only to follow Jesus ourselves, but also to tell others about Him.

↓ Do you find it difficult to tell others about Jesus? Why or why not?
Why do you think the Gospel of John includes the account of Jesus changing Simon's name to Peter?
→ What can you learn from Andrew's commitment to telling Simon about Jesus?

MEMORIZE

Before eating each meal today, take a moment to read **John 1:49** and thank the Lord.

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank You for the life-transforming hope of the gospel. Please give me courage to tell others about Jesus and to be aware of moments when I can do so.

GENESIS 28:12-15

READ & RESPOND

In this week's main passage, Jesus references this story about Jacob the patriarch. Jacob dreamed of angels who used a ladder to ascend and descend between heaven and earth, with the Lord standing above the ladder. After this remarkable experience, Jacob named the place where he was "Bethel," which means "house of God." In referencing this story, Jesus essentially tells His disciples that He is like Bethel, but better. He is the pinnacle of God's self-revelation and the only way into the Lord's presence. Only through faith in Jesus can we enjoy a relationship with God.

↑ How does this story point to Jesus?	
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What is the significance of the Lord's statement in verse 13?	
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→ What are some ways you can remind yourself of the Lord's presence this week?	

MEMORIZE

Write out each word from **John 1:49** on individual note cards or sticky notes. Mix up the words, then do your best to put them in their proper order.

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus, through whom we can enjoy Your presence. In moments of doubt and confusion, remind me of what Jesus has accomplished. He is the greatest expression of Your love.

DANIEL 7:13-14

READ & RESPOND

In this week's main passage, Jesus refers to Himself as the "Son of Man," a messianic title linked to this passage in Daniel 7. This title not only expresses Jesus's divinity but His full humanity as well. King Jesus is truly ruling and reigning—and a day is coming when His kingdom will be fully realized. We will be not only freed from the penalty of sin (death) but from the very presence of it. Jesus, the Son of Man, has accomplished ultimate victory on our behalf through His life, death, and resurrection. No matter what you may be going through today, there is an unshakable hope secured for us in Christ.

How do you think this passage gave hope to Daniel's audience?	
↑ Read John 1:51. What is the significance of Jesus using the title "Son of Man"?	
How should your prayers reflect the fact that Jesus is actively ruling and reigning?	

♥ MEMORIZE

Using colored pencils or pens, draw a picture that relates to **John 1:49** and write out the verse at the bottom of the piece of paper. Try reciting the verse from memory.

PRAY

Lord Jesus, You are the righteous King who rules over all things. In moments of pain and confusion, may this truth continue to anchor me.

¹ John B. Polhill with Ellenburg Dale, "Son of Man," in *Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, Chad Brand et al., eds. (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2003), Logos Bible Software version, 1517.

JOHN 1:43-51

READ & RESPOND

After Jesus calls Philip to follow Him, Philip goes out to find Nathanael. Followers of Jesus help others follow Jesus. Nathanael is skeptical of Philip's claim. Only after Jesus reveals His supernatural knowledge does Nathanael proclaim that Jesus is the "Son of God" and the "King of Israel." We can learn a lot from Philip here. He isn't combative or argumentative; he simply invites Nathanael to "come and see." We are not responsible for changing people's hearts; only the Lord can do this. We are simply called to tell others about Jesus and model patience and kindness when the response is not what we would have hoped.

Why do you think Nathanael was doubtful?
→ What can we learn from Philip's response to Nathanael's doubt?
Who is someone who has helped you follow Jesus? How can you thank or encourage this person?

MEMORIZE

Find a worship song that reminds you of **John 1:49**, and after listening to the song, incorporate this week's verse in a prayer to the Lord.

PRAY

Lord, thank You for Your grace and patience toward me. Help me to extend this same grace and patience toward those around me as I seek to follow You.