

## Next Steps 1

John 1:40-49

### **Ask them this:**

What is the purpose of the Church? Not just Discover, but what is the purpose of the Church as a whole?

What does this mean for you as an individual?

### **Say something like this:**

The greatest disciple-maker and teacher of all-time was Jesus. Let's take a look at how he and his disciples did it.

### **Read this:**

John 1:40-49

### **Ask them this:**

What is the "first thing" that Andrew did? Why do you think he did this? (*Missionary work begins with our family*)

Verse 42 says, "he brought him to Jesus." Then, Jesus later says to Philip, "Follow ME." What then is the goal of discipleship?

### **Say something like this:**

Philip tells Nathanael that Jesus is of Nazareth, and Nathanael is surprised by this because he knew the Messiah was supposed to come from Bethlehem, which they didn't know he actually was. Instead, of arguing with Nathanael, Philip says, "Come and see."

### **Ask them this:**

What do you think this says about introducing people to Jesus?

### **Say something like this:**

Nathanael believed in Jesus fully when he met him not when Philip talked about him. Discipleship is about introducing them to Jesus in order to start a relationship. Now that we've talked about the biblical story, let's talk about how this applies to our own lives and the vision of the church.

### **Ask them this:**

Who introduced you to Jesus? How did they go about doing that? Why was it effective or maybe ineffective?

Who is someone that you need to introduce to Jesus? What are some obstacles that are stopping that from happening?

Is the job of "making disciples" intimidating to you? Why or Why not?

As a group, go to [discovercc.org/about-us/missionvisionvalues](http://discovercc.org/about-us/missionvisionvalues) and read through Discover's vision statement. Between Reach, Love, Imitate, and Duplicate, which piece of the vision is most challenging for you? Why is that so?

### **Challenge them with this:**

Now that we've identified which areas that may be the most challenging in our life. How can you face that challenge head on? Take this next week or so and begin to practice the area of discipleship you identify as your weakness.