

“Discipleship” Part 2

Mount of Olives | August 16, 2026 | John 1:40-46

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Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, what an inexpressible joy it is to know the saving grace provided by You through our Lord Jesus. The assurance that no matter our circumstances, You forgive us and ultimately desire the best for us; provides peace that passes all understanding. Thank You for Your grace as we attempt to devote our lives to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 1:40-46

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Message Notes

Romans 10:13-17

For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Mark 5:18-20

As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus refused, and said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

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Bible verse for memorization:

Romans 10:17

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Study Questions – Read John 1:35-51

ICEBREAKER – Getting started:

1. What one thing would you need to know before you followed someone? Why this?

OBSERVATION – What does the text say?

1. What did Philip have in common with Andrew?
2. How were Philip and Nathanael different from each other? In what ways were they similar?
3. How was Jesus' approach to these two men different?
4. What brought these five men mentioned in verses 35-51 to Jesus?

INTERPRETATION – What does the text mean?

1. How much information did they have before they decided to follow him?
2. Why do you think it was enough information?

APPLICATION – How can you apply the text?

1. How would you explain Jesus to someone if you wanted this person to join you in a Christian mission, but he or she had never heard about Christ?
2. How well do you think you articulate your faith? How could you improve?
3. How is Jesus king in your life?
4. How did he display his kingship this week?
5. How did you show that you are a subject of the King of Kings?