



IMMANUEL CHURCH

Discussion Guide: The DayOnes
July 16, 2017

Opening Questions:

- What area in your life would you say you struggle with the comparison most? With advertising and marketing being what it is, can we realistically avoid this trap?
- Are you a DayOne? Do you know a DayOne? What about your/their story stands out to you the most and why aren't we more compelled to share our story if that's the reality? Have you ever assumed your story was just too boring or normal?

Looking at Scripture:

- Read **John 1:35-42...** Why do you suppose Andrew is introduced as Peter's brother instead of simply Andrew? How might Christians today inadvertently do things like this? Do you see it in your own church relationships?
- Andrew is one of the first people beside John the Baptist to declare that Jesus is the Messiah. What about that fact amazes you? Can you imagine how crazy this might have sounded to people who thought the Messiah would look different? How about to the people who new Jesus as the carpenter's son from Nazareth?
- Read **Matthew 4:18-20...** Andrew had a normal job and was seemingly a normal person; why do you suppose Jesus chose him then? Why didn't Jesus look for a more elite, stand-out sort of person? Why this ragamuffin?
- Have you ever been guilty of comparing stories instead of saviors? Why is that our natural inclination? How do things change if we begin comparing saviors and thereby eliminating the comparison all-together? How might this be more effective?

Application Questions:

- This week's bottom line was **THE POINT OF YOUR STORY ISN'T YOUR STORY, IT'S JESUS**. Be honest, is there any part of that statement that bothers you? Don't you want to believe there's room at the center of your story for you? Why or why not?
- Josh talked about the idea that the goal of our faith isn't recognition or standing out; it's about knowing Jesus more and more. If that's the case, why is celebrating Andrew and other DayOne-like stories so important? What are we actually celebrating and how can we make sure the point remains the point?

End your time together praying. Thank God for the DayOne stories in your own group. Spend time expressing your gratitude for the miracle in every story regardless of how normal, long or short it is. Thank him for Jesus and what he's done and doing in our world. Celebrate the fact that God doesn't discriminate; that he invites us all onto the team.