

A new series beginning Easter weekend

COMING UP EMPTY

FINDING ALL THE

WRONG ANSWERS

IN ALL THE

WRONG PLACES

COMING UP EMPTY - WEEK 2

Community Group Study: Come and See
John 1:43-51 | week of April 3

GETTING STARTED

Describe a life "lived well." In the end, how do you know if you have been "successful" in life?

CONTEXT

Skim John 1:19-42. Make note of all of the "seeing" and "looking" that occurs in the passage.

Read John 1:43-51

OBSERVATION

Initially, what keeps Nathanael from "seeing" who Jesus truly is?

What causes him to get over his initial blindness?

In 1:49, what does Nathanael come to understand about the identity of Jesus?

MEANING

What in particular do we learn about Jesus' "seeing" in 1:47-48?

In 1:51, what does Nathanael not yet fully understand about Jesus?

How do Jesus' words in 1:51 relate to Genesis 28:10-17? What "awesome...gate of heaven" is being revealed?

APPLICATION

What kinds of prejudice (like Nathanael's prejudice against Nazareth) keep people from seeing or seeking Jesus today?

How does knowing the Son of Man on whom "the angels of God" ascend and descend shape what it means to live life well? In light of knowing him, how can you live your life well?

Do you struggle more often to see Jesus with your mind or with your heart? What can you do to see him more fully with your mind? With your heart?

In light of Nathanael's skepticism, Philip makes a simple invitation: "Come and see." What kind of "come and see" invitation might you make to someone in your life?

NEXT STEPS ...

Make a list of things that stir your heart's affection for Jesus. Consider ways you can prioritize those habits or practices more in your life. Share your thoughts with a spouse or group member.

Meditate on what it means to know and be known by Jesus. Pray through Psalm 139 as you do.

Pray for God to open the door to a conversation or relationship where you can invite another person to "come and see" Jesus, just as Philip invited Nathanael.

