



John 1:35-51

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³⁵ The next day John (the Baptist) was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and



who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter). ⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

⁴⁶ "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael



approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."⁴⁸ "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw

you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."⁴⁹

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."⁵⁰ Jesus said, "You believe because



I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that."⁵¹ He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

Starting a Jesus Movement

We want to start a Jesus movement on this campus in which skeptics, seekers and Christians are welcome to come and see Jesus for themselves. Jesus' movement goes viral in this passage (and continues today through us).

Discuss

- Jesus invites seekers to spend the day getting to know him. If you spent the day with Jesus, what would you ask him? Why?
- Andrew and Nathaniel have very different reactions. Would you say you're more curious like Andrew or skeptical like Nathaniel? Why?
- What do you like about Jesus in this passage? Jesus interacts with each person uniquely, knowing what each of us needs in order to trust him and follow him with our whole lives. Seeking Jesus is an investment of time and energy. What do you need to know about Jesus in order to follow him with your whole life?
- Part of seeking Jesus is inviting friends to seek him as well. Why do you think people are so eager to introduce their friends to Jesus? From the very start, Jesus' movement spread through relationships. Let's live out this John 1 story today! List names of people you would like to share this story with and invite to join us next time.

