



Devotions for October 6-12, 2024

Close, Wk1 – "Come and See"

Scripture: John 1:46-51

Come and See – Read John 1:46

This interaction invites a journey of exploration and trust, where skepticism meets invitation. Philip's response reflects his excitement to share something incredible he has discovered. When we experience something life-changing, like Philip, we naturally want to share it with those we care about. Jesus not only invites us to "come and see" Him in our everyday lives, but also to share Him with others in the spaces and relationships we have been given. **Reflection Questions:**

1. **What skepticism or doubt in your heart** might you bring to Jesus today?
2. **Like Philip, how can you share the life you've found in Jesus with those around you?** In what ways can you invite others to "come and see" who He is in the relationships and spaces you inhabit?

I See You – Read John 1:47

In this moment, Jesus sees Nathanael's authentic self and speaks directly to his character. This is more than just acknowledgment—it's an act of valuing Nathanael deeply. Being seen by Jesus is powerful; it signifies that we are fully known and understood. In a world where we often hide behind masks and pretense, the way Jesus sees us—fully and authentically—is an invitation to let down our guard and be seen as we are. When Jesus looks at you, He sees your heart, struggles, hopes, and true identity. **Reflection Questions:**

1. **What does Jesus' insight into Nathanael's character reveal** about how He sees each of us? How might this shape the way you think about being seen by God?
2. **Nathanael comes to Jesus with openness and even skepticism,** and Jesus honors this by seeing him for who he truly is. What would it look like for you to come before Jesus authentically, with both your hopes and skepticism, just as Nathanael did?

I Know You – Read John 1:48

Jesus reveals His deep knowledge of Nathanael, seeing him even in his private and hidden moments. This encounter shows that Jesus knows us deeply, beyond what we show outwardly. **Reflection Questions:**

1. **What significance might there be in Jesus seeing Nathanael “under the fig tree”?** How does this moment demonstrate Jesus' intimate knowledge of us, even in our hidden and private spaces?
2. **Jesus' deep knowledge calls us into greater intimacy and vulnerability.** Think of a place in your life where you feel unseen or misunderstood. How might Jesus be inviting you to open that part of your life to Him, allowing His love to reach those deep places?

Oh, The Things You Will See – Read John 1:49-50

Nathanael's encounter with Jesus leads to a bold declaration of faith, and Jesus responds by promising that he will witness even greater things. **Reflection Questions:**

1. **Is your view of God too small,** preventing you from seeing the “greater things” Jesus has for you?
2. **Jesus speaks of “greater things” to come. How might God be calling you** to a journey of deeper expectation and wonder? What are the “greater things” you desire to see in your faith journey?

Jesus Calls to You – Follow Me – Read John 1:51

Jesus concludes by calling Nathanael to a greater vision—a journey that leads to seeing heaven's activity on earth. The invitation to “come and see” leads to a deeper call to “follow.” **Reflection Questions:**

1. **Where in your life might Jesus be calling you** to take a step of faith and follow Him more deeply this week?
2. **Meditate on the reality that Jesus sees, knows, and calls you.** How can this truth transform both your “being” and your “doing” this week?

“Making Room” Challenge

Join us in the “Making Room” initiative and invite others as our church focuses on creating space for others to come and experience God. Spend time praying for a friend or family member who needs to hear the invitation, “Come and see.” Share with that person what you've discovered about following Jesus, and invite them to “come and see” what He is doing in your life. What could the next step look like for them? **Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, you see us and know us fully. Help us to come and see all that You are, and follow You with greater expectation of what You will do in our lives and the lives of those around us. May we step into the greater things You have prepared, living authentically in Your presence. Amen.**