

Series Sermon-based Growth Group Questions

July 4, 2021

John 1:43-51

Introductory Discussion:

What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Discussion:

1. In verse 43, again Jesus again just says, "Follow me," this time to Philip. How is it different to follow Jesus as opposed to just learning about Him?
2. Read verse 46, what prejudices and presuppositions might have kept Nathanael from meeting Jesus?
 - a. What are some of the prejudices and presuppositions that keep people from meeting Jesus today?
 - b. Are there any that delayed your coming to know Him?
3. What might Nathanael know from the scriptures that might make him doubt that Jesus is the Messiah?
 - a. We know that Jesus grew up in Nazareth, but was born in Bethlehem according to scripture. What does this tell us about what we think we know how we approach learning about Jesus?
4. What does Philip do to get Nathanael to get past his issues?
 - a. How can we follow his example in talking about Jesus?
5. How important is testimony in reaching Nathanael?
6. Read verses 47-49. We don't know what Jesus saw, but it was enough to convince Nathanael. What was it that God told you or showed you that made you realize that it was really him?
7. Have you seen greater things since then?
 - a. Do you have some examples?
8. What does it mean that Jesus is the ladder?
 - a. What does it mean that he is the connection between us and God?

