

“Closer Walk” Bible Study

The Gospel Of John Chapter 1:35-51

Purpose: To share lives around the Scripture and through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit make happy and unexpected discoveries that change our lives and bring us closer in our walk with Jesus.

Getting us started

1. When you get some good news, who is the first person you want to share it with? Why?
2. As a child, what would it take for you to believe something your brother or sister told you?

Getting us into Scripture

3. In light of verses 30-31, how do you think John felt when his disciples left him to follow Jesus? What does this say about John?
4. What motivated the disciples of John to follow Jesus? What motivated Andrew to tell Simon about him?
5. How do you think Simon felt when Jesus changed his name to Cephas (meaning “rock”)?
6. What type of person is Nathanael? Why might he find it hard to believe Philip’s statement? Why would Jesus call Philip and Nathanael in such different ways? How do you think Nathanael felt when Jesus spoke to him?
7. Of the five people in verses 35-48 to follow Jesus:
 - (a) How was the contact made for each one?
 - (b) How much did each one know about Jesus when he decided to follow him?
 - (c) How does each decision for Christ illustrate the point of the prologue (vv. 1-17) about the light of John and the true light of Christ?

Getting Scripture into us

8. What was your motive for initially following Jesus? What were the circumstances that led you to do so? How much did you know about him?
9. Consider verse 48. In your life, how has Jesus shown his ability to know all about you?