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FINDING JESUS Part 1: Come and See John 1: 43-51 Pastor Matt Manning Matt.Manning@crossroadsabc.com



| NOTES | GROUP DISCUSSION 1. Open with prayer. (2-5 min) 2. Share your story Have you ever experienced something so wonderful, it's difficult to put into words? (Try anyway!) (7-10 min) 3. Read John 1:43-51. 4. Discuss these questions with your group. (20-45 min) |
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| | [Jesus] found Philip and said to him, "Follow me" Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." (John 1:43-45) |
| | What goes into a decision to <i>follow</i> someone on YouTube, or social media, or a podcast, or a favorite author? |
| | In contrast, what does it mean to follow Jesus? |
| | Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to [Nathanael], "Come and see." (vs. 46) |
| | When you're skeptical about a claim, what does it take for you to move closer taking the idea seriously? At what point do people need to simply experience Jesus for themselves? |
| | Nathanael answered [Jesus], "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" (vs. 49) |
| | What caused Nathanael to move from skepticism to belief? |
| | Jesus answered [Nathanael], "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." (vs. 50) |
| | Here are some of the "great things" that people have experienced after |

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time, stuck with you, challenged or confused you?

What is the one important thing you will challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for

take away from this weekend's message or our life group discussion? Is there any prayer?

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PLAN OF ACTION

Where is following Jesus going to take you next? If you have not yet experienced saving faith, are you ready to follow Christ now, or do you still need to "come and see"? What would need to happen for you to move from skepticism to belief?

following Jesus: the relief of forgiveness; the gift of compassion; the ability to give and receive authentic love; an awareness of meaning and purpose; a sense of well-being. How can you help others to experience these things for themselves?