

Study Guide | John 1:35-51



Further Study

Read John 1:35-51, and consider some or all of the questions below.

1. Why do you think these two disciples left the second time and not the first (vv. 35-37)?
2. Jesus often asks questions (e.g., John 5:6; 6:5; 9:35; 18:7; 18:34)... Why? How might you employ questions more in ministry (e.g., evangelism, parenting, etc.)?
3. Why at times might “come and see” be a better answer than making an argument for Jesus?
4. John provides some new details on the calling of the first disciples (cf. Matthew 4:18-22). How might you harmonize the accounts? How do the extra details in John help us better understand what happened?
5. Read Genesis 28:10-22. How does this passage relate to what Jesus is saying in v. 51? How is Jesus greater than Jacob’s “ladder”?

Application

Pick a few questions to discuss.

6. Consider how Jesus engages people in this text; how can we mimic him in our own life and ministry?
7. How can we help the next generation (i.e., kids, students, children, grandchildren, etc.) “come and see” Jesus?
8. John notes several titles for Jesus that speak to who he is (e.g., Rabbi, Messiah/ Christ, the Son of God, King of Israel, the Son of Man). Which one is most meaningful to you right now and why?
9. Did you have an Andrew or Philip in your life? How did they connect you to new life in Jesus?
10. Put yourself in Andrew’s or Philip’s shoes... Who would you go tell about Jesus? What would your testimony be?