

Abide in Me

*Mentored by the Master
Discipleship in Real Time*



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Come and See
You Haven't Seen Anything Yet
John 1:40-51

We are excited that you are on this journey of discovering for the first time or anew what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Near the end of John 1, we see Jesus' first encounter with his earliest disciples. We are reminded that every encounter with Jesus changes us. After spending time (*abiding*) with Jesus, Andrew brings his brother Simon (Peter) to meet Him. Jesus gives Simon a new name, Cephas (Peter), indicating a new relationship with God. Next, Jesus seeks out Philip, who immediately invites Nathanael to meet Jesus. Despite Nathanael's initial skepticism about the Messiah being from Nazareth, he's moved to faith when Jesus reveals intimate knowledge about him. Jesus promises Nathanael that he'll witness even greater things—heaven opened and angels moving between heaven and earth—an invitation to go deeper into His glory. We will be challenged to expect and experience more of who Jesus is as we follow Him.

Icebreaker: When you discover something that you really like, who's the first person you tell?

OBSERVATION (*What does the passage say and how does it say it?!*)

Before your group meets, read the passage and perform the following prompts:

- Place brackets around the time stamp in verse 43.
- Circle the names of Jesus' earliest disciples.
- Place a box around all the regions or towns mentioned.
- Double underline the word *first* in verse 41.
- Circle the titles *Messiah* and *Christ* and draw a connecting line between them. Then draw another line to the right margin and write: *Anointed One*.
- Place a parenthesis around Jesus' words to Philip. In the margin write: *1st time Jesus makes this specific call*.
- Between verses 42-51, circle all the verbs related to looking or seeing.
- Underline all seven titles or ascriptions given to Jesus.
- Circle the *you* in verse 50. In the left margin write: *2nd Person Singular*.
- Circle the *you* in verse 51. In the left margin write: *2nd Person Plural*.
- In the left margin of verse 51 write: *Genesis 28:10-17*.
- In the right margin of verse 51 write: *Daniel 7:13*.

⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).

⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ 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.”⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!”⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”⁵¹ And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

Summarize in one sentence what this passage is about:

INTERPRETATION (*What does the passage mean?*)

1. What is the significance of Jesus giving Simon the new name “Cephas” (Peter)?
2. Why do you think Nathanael was skeptical of Jesus being from Nazareth?
3. What does Jesus mean when He says that Nathanael will see *heaven opened*?
4. List the seven titles or ascriptions given to Jesus. When gathered together what do they tell you about Him?

APPLICATION (*How does the passage apply to our lives?*)

1. Who was the first person to introduce you to Jesus?

2. Consider Simon's name change. What does this tell us about Jesus and what He sees in us?

3. What part does Philip play in helping Nathanael find Jesus? What are some ways we can do the same thing for those around us?

4. Jesus saw Nathanael. We all have a longing to be seen and known. How does Jesus meet that longing?

5. Jesus told Nathanael that he would see greater things. How might this apply to you? How can you break out of the routine in your walk with Jesus?

This week's assignment:

Andrew and Philip invited others to meet Jesus. *Who in your life can you invite to Come and See?*



