

PEOPLE MATTER

Part 1

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Lost people matter to God. Jesus' mission was to help lost people find their way back to God. Luke 19:10, *The Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.* We, his "found people" have been given the same mission. John 20:21, *As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.*

Today let's explore how the earliest followers of Jesus did this. (John 1:35-51).

The Story of Two Men

John the Baptist points out Jesus to two of his own disciples.

One of them is identified as Andrew. The other is assumed to be John, the son of Son of Zebedee.

From this encounter, we discover the first recorded statements of Jesus in the Gospels...

"What are you seeking? ... Come and you will see."

Andrew, one of the first followers of Jesus, rushes immediately to tell his older brother about his new-found faith in Jesus as the Messiah (Christ).

On his way north from Judea to Galilee, Jesus meets Philip and calls him to follow him.

Philip immediately shares his "Jesus experience" with his friend Nathaniel.

Nathaniel's initial reaction is **skepticism**.

Philip's simple response was "**Come and see.**"

Connectors

We have all had connectors in our lives.

Most of us have at some time and in some way have been a connector to others.

In our text, this is what John the Baptist, Andrew and Philip were.

The Gospel of Jesus calls us to become **Connectors** --helping people to meet and connect with Jesus. -

Never underestimate the power of connection.

