#### **VGROUP STUDY GUIDE**

# "WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?" JOHN 1: 35-42 MARCH 3, 2024

**FOCAL POINT:** What did you dream of becoming when you were younger? Why did that dream come true or NOT come true? Having confidence on what you want to do or who you're going to be is something we all desire. But sometimes things come along and sidetrack those desires. In our text, we're going to see a man named Andrew who knew exactly what he was looking for.

### TEXT:

Again the next day, John was standing with two of his disciples. **36** When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!" **37** The two disciples heard him say this and followed Jesus. **38** When Jesus turned and noticed them following Him, He asked them, "What are you looking for?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are You staying?" **39** "Come and you'll see," He replied. So they went and saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day. It was about 10 in the morning. **40** Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed Him. **41** He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah!" (which means "Anointed One"), **42** and he brought Simon to Jesus. When Jesus saw him, He said, "You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas (which means "Rock")."

Let's examine what Andrew was looking for and then see if you're looking for the same things. He was:

### Looking for a Savior (vv. 35-36)

- 1. Who was the John mentioned in our text? His purpose was to point people to Jesus (*Read* Malachi 3: 1, Mark 1: 1-4). This helps explain why Andrew was on the lookout for a Savior. John had been teaching them about one.
- 2. What are some other reasons they people of Judea might've been looking for a Savior? Why are you looking for a Savior? What are some areas you see in your life where you know you need a deliverer?
- 3. Andrew was drawn to Jesus because of what John said in John 1: 29 (read it).

## **Looking to learn from the Savior** (vv. 37-39)

- 1.In v. 38 Jesus asked them what they were looking for. Ask yourself the same question. What are you looking for from Jesus? What was the typical thought of that day concerning the Messiah and what He would do?
- 2. What are you looking for concerning Jesus? Is what you're looking for concerning Jesus line up to what the Bible teaches? What are your expectations in following Jesus?
- 3. Who was your favorite teacher growing up? Why did you like them so much? Notice the title the disciples called Jesus in our text: Rabbi. What does that mean? Why was that significant?
- 4. When the recognized His role in their lives (their rabbi) they began following Him to learn from Him. Is Jesus your teacher? If so, HOW is He your teacher? What evidences are there in your life that He is your teacher?

### **Looking to share the Savior** (vv. 40-42)

- 1. What's a natural thing to do when you receive good news? What did Andrew do when he recognized he'd found the Messiah? Why was it so important for him to share that news?
- 2. What's some good news you've received before and shared with others? Why did you share it?
- 3. How has Jesus made a difference in your life? Name a couple of things that bless your life because you follow Jesus. Have you shared these experiences with family, friends or others? Was it difficult for you to do so? Why? When you have shared has it been a blessing to do so? How?