

VGROUP STUDY GUIDE

"FOLLOW ME"

JOHN 1: 43-51

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FOCAL POINT: .What was your favorite team you've ever been a part of and why? What requirements were there for you to be on the team? What was expected of you in being on the team? Today in our text we're going to see Jesus calls for us to be on His team, to be a part of His family. What many people don't know or take into consideration is following Jesus carries with it some requirements, some responsibilities on our part.

TEXT:

The next day He decided to leave for Galilee. When Jesus found Philip and told him, "Follow Me!" 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the One Moses wrote about in the Law (and so did the prophets): Jesus the son of Joseph, from Nazareth!" 46 "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathanael asked him. "Come and see," Philip answered. 47 Then Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him and said about him, "Here is a true Israelite; no deceit is in him." 48 "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you," Jesus answered. 49 "Rabbi," Nathanael replied, "You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50 Jesus responded to him, "Do you believe only because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." 51 Then He said, "I assure you: You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.

We've been invited to follow Jesus. If we accept His invitation then here are some things required of us:

Submission (vv. 43-44)

1.What did Jesus call for Philip to do in v. 43? What did this command from Jesus imply about Jesus? What did it imply about Philip? What would give Jesus the right to command someone to do anything?

2.What do you have to submit to Jesus to follow Him? What are some things in your life that you submitted to Christ, that you gave up to follow Him? Why was that hard to do? How has it been a blessing for you to submit to Jesus?

3. Why does the idea of submitting chafe against so many of us? What do you suppose Jesus' purpose is for us to submit to Him? (*Read* John 10: 10)

Sharing (v. 45)

1. What was behind Philip going to find Nathanael? How did he identify Jesus in v. 45? The "one" Moses wrote about was identified in Deut. 18: 15-19. Read it. What was happening around Jesus that caused people to believe He was the Messiah? *Read* John 1: 29.

2. Who was John the Baptist? What special role did he play in Jesus' ministry?

3. Once Jesus was identified as the Messiah, notice Philip wanted to introduce Nathanael to Him. How are you at introducing people to Jesus? How do you do it?

Testing (vv. 46-49)

1. What are some things you test out before you invest in them? Why do you do this? In our verses, how do you see Nathanael testing the proposition that Jesus was the Messiah? What was the purpose behind this question?

2. Where was the Messiah prophesied to be born (*Read* Micah 5: 2-4)? Philip identified Jesus as being from Nazareth (look on a map where Nazareth is). Jesus' identification as being from Nazareth didn't square with the Bible's description of where the Messiah was to be born. So he dug a little deeper by asking the question to get verification to make sure it lined up with God's Word.

3. How have you used God's Word to determine what is right, what is correct? How have you seen what culture adopt as truth that doesn't match up with Scripture?

Confirmation (vv. 50-51)

1. If you're looking for confirmation, it happens when you first act in faith. *Read* Heb. 11: 6. According to these final verses, what would happen once faith was placed in Christ?

2. Give an example when you acted in faith to God's leading and then you saw it confirmed after you acted.