



The First Disciples

John 1:35-51 | July 19, 2026

We all have a story!

We honor God and others when we choose to share our story.

In John 1:35, we find John the Baptist teaching and baptizing in the Jordan River.

The Setting:

- » A Cave Dweller
- » Common People
- » Religious Elite

Jesus calls his first four followers in this exact setting!

The very first thing the followers of Jesus did was find the person closest to them and say, **"We found the Messiah!"**

When Jesus called his first disciples, He said, Follow Me!

1. TRUST JESUS
2. HONOR JESUS
3. SHARE JESUS

God is not asking you to save anyone. You don't possess the power or the persuasion to do that! All God is asking us to do is partner with Jesus as He reveals Himself to those who seek Him.

Why do you follow Jesus? That's a huge part of your story.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Worship Arts Team Kickoff: July 26 at 5:00 PM

GriefShare begins: August 2 at 4:00 PM

First Step: August 16 at 9:00 AM

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STUDY QUESTIONS

GETTING STARTED:

Share about a time someone introduced you to something or someone important. What made you want to tell others about it?

A DEEPER DIVE:

Read John 1:35-51

- » What does it reveal about Jesus' priorities that He called His first disciples from common, everyday people rather than from positions of religious authority or social prominence?
- » The pattern of Find and Tell is repeated throughout this passage. Why do you think the first disciples felt such urgency to immediately share about Jesus rather than waiting until they knew more or felt more prepared?
- » Andrew's first instinct after meeting Jesus was to find his brother and tell him about the Messiah. Who in your life needs to hear your story of why you follow Jesus, and what holds you back from sharing it with them?
- » God is not asking us to save anyone, but simply to partner with Jesus as He reveals Himself to those who seek Him. How does this truth relieve pressure and change your approach to sharing your faith?
- » Jesus told Nathanael that He saw him under the fig tree before Philip called him, revealing that God had already been at work in Nathanael's life. Where have you seen God working in someone's life before you shared your faith with them?
- » Why do you follow Jesus? If someone close to you asked this question today, what would your honest answer be, and would it compel them to want to know Him too?

NEXT STEPS:

Following Philip's example with Nathanael, invite someone to "come and see" by:

- » Inviting them to church or a church-related event.
- » Inviting them to coffee to hear their story and share yours.