



Life Group Discussion Guide
The Gospel of John:
“The Beginnings of the Church” – John 1:35-51
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Main thought:

Jesus calls all kinds of people in all kinds of ways to follow Him.

Outline

Jesus presents himself to those who are searching. (vv. 35-39)

Jesus provides for those who need stability. (vv. 40-42)

Jesus pursues those who stay away. (vv. 43-44)

Jesus proves himself to those who are skeptical. (vv. 45-51)

Ice-Breaker

- Share what you like to order at your favorite restaurant.

Digging In

Read John 1:35-51, and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this passage/message?
- What stands out to you about John the Baptist’s focus and attitude in verses 35-37?
What obstacles keep us from having that kind of focus & attitude?
- What does the response of Jesus in verse 39 teach us when it comes to evangelism?
- What is significant about Jesus’ interaction with Peter and the changing of his name? (40-42). Discuss how Peter was transformed by Jesus beyond just his name. How does this encourage and challenge you?
- What can we learn from the fact that Jesus finds Philip and invites him to follow Him in verse 43?
- Who in this story do you relate with the most in terms of your own story of finding and following Jesus?
- Who is God putting on your heart? What will you do to help that person find and follow Jesus this week?

Application

- How can you remember and apply the truths of this passage to your life this week?

Praying as a group

- How can we be praying for each other this week?