

# RESETTING WITH JESUS

GOSPEL OF JOHN

## Intro – The Church Growth Movement...

*John 1:35* The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “**What are you seeking?**” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> He said to them, “**Come and you will see.**” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup> He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “**You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas**” (which means Peter).

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “**Follow me.**” <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” <sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “**Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!**” <sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” <sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered him, “**Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.**” <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, “**Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.**”

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**BI: [Jesus](#) is the Master Disciple-Maker.**

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- I. Good leaders are [not](#) threatened and recognize when to step back.
- II. Accept people [as](#) they are & see [in](#) them who they could become.
- III. How to [call](#) people to Christ depends on where they are at.

## Application In Community



**Welcome:** GOD loves you. Do you believe it? It is true. GOD has been pursuing you your whole life, but he has been giving you the space you need to realize you need the Lord. And now you are here, and the Lord wants to meet you more than half-way and say, “Come and see what this Christian life is all about. Let’s work on your questions & problems together.”

“[Jesus] does not only see what a man is; he also sees what a man can become.”  
– Barclay

Do you believe this? Do you desire this?

**So, what should I do?** The three main ways that GOD speaks to us is through the Bible, through prayer, and through Christian community. It would follow that we need to read the Bible, pray, and join a group of people asking the same questions. It is in a group like this that the Holy Spirit collectively speaks to each of us.

**How to?** Tia Hanson is our Director of Community Connection. She can help figure out the best Life Group or Home Community just for you. And she can connect volunteers to the right ministry to help our community flourish. Catch Tia in the foyer or email [tieah@gracechurchseattle.org](mailto:tieah@gracechurchseattle.org) –

### Application Qs:

1. Start with prayer.
2. What is it about Christian community that you like and dislike? Let us start with the positive.
3. Read the narrative of John 1:35-51 – Notice that when Jesus meets Peter for the first time (re-read vv. 40-42), Jesus accepts Peter for who he was (a rash and unpredictable man) and re-names him “Cephas” which means “The Rock” (or a consistent man).
  - Why did GOD re-name people in Scripture?
  - What’s the significance of re-naming “Simon-Peter” as “Cephas”?
4. Talk about your identity pre-Christ vs. becoming a Christian – what did Jesus see in you that gives you a higher calling [related to identity]?

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