**JOHN 1:35-42**

**Discussion 1: I Want To Be Like…**

1. **Ice Breaker:** When you were a kid, who did you want to grow up to be like and why?
2. What does it mean to be a disciple? Who has discipled you in your life and what did they actively do to disciple you?
3. What are some things in the world that negatively disciple us away from Christ? How can we recognize these deceptive disciplers and flee from their influence?

**Discussion 2: Jesus’ First Disciples**

1. In verses 35-42, we see the first few disicples leave John the Baptist and follow Jesus. From what the text tells us about John the Baptist, how do you think he felt about his disciples leaving him? What makes John the Baptist a great witness for Christ?
2. In this passage, what about Jesus makes him worth leaving everything and following? What does it mean that he is the Messiah?
3. What do we know about these first disciples Andrew and Simon Peter? What does this say about what Jesus looks for in a disciple? (See “Further Study” section for additional passages)
4. What is the significance of Jesus changing Simon Peter’s name? Where else in Scripture has God changed someone’s name to communicate his purposes?
5. **Application:** When you became a disciple of Jesus, what were some of the people, friends, activities that you had to leave behind? What were the reason you choose to follow Jesus or continue to follow him?

**Discussion 3: Jesus as Teacher**

1. Throughout the gospels Jesus is often called Rabbi or “Teacher.” How would you describe what Jesus teaches us about? How does Jesus teach us today?
2. Whether you’re a new believer or a seasoned saint, Jesus calls us as his people to make disciples (Matt. 28:19). Who has God called you to disciple? What areas of your life do you need discipleship?

**Family Discipleship Questions**

1. When you grow up, who do you want to be like? Why do you want to be like that person?
2. How can we grow up to be like Jesus? What are some qualities about Jesus we want to model? Where can we learn to be like Jesus?
3. What should we do when we fail to live like Jesus wants us to live? (I John 1:9)

**Further Application**

* **Individual:** Whether you believe it or not, the way you live your life teaches something to someone. What are some ways your life negatively disciples the people around you?
* **Individual:** Who has God called you to disciple? Pray that the Lord would provide opportunites for you to pour the word of God into someone else. Pray also that you would seek out discipleship in areas you need to grow in.
* **Group:** Small groups are a primary vehicle for discipleship to happen. Discuss in your group how the whole group (not just the leader) can encourage discipleship to happen. What are some unique gifts and experiences God has given to your group that can be used to help sharpen one another?

**For Further Study**

* **Discipleship:** Titus 2:1-8, 2 Tim. 2:1-2, Matt. 28:19, Prov. 27:17
* **Peter & Andrew:** Matt. 4:18-22; 16:18, Mk. 1:16-20, Jn. 6:7-9, 66-69; 18:25-27, Gal. 2:11-14
* **Messiah (Annointed One):** 2 Sam. 7:5-16, Ps. 110:1-4, Is. 9:6-7, John 4:24-26