

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

## JOHN 1:43-51

### Discussion 1: Where Are You From?

1. **Ice Breaker:** Where do you consider your hometown? Tell us about where you grew up and what was it like to grow up there?
2. **Recap:** The last time we were in the gospel of John we talked about Jesus first disciples. Who did Jesus call as his first disciples and what does it mean to be a disciple?
3. What are observations you have about this text? What sticks out to you?
4. In verse 45 Phillip mentions that Jesus is from a small town of Nazareth. Why is it significant that he's known as Jesus of Nazareth rather than Jesus of Bethlehem?

### Discussion 2: Come & See

1. What do we know about these next two disciples Phillip and Nathanael from our passage and others? (See "Further Study" section for additional passages)
2. How does Jesus fulfillment of the Old Testament law & prophets impact the way we view and study the Old Testament? (see Matthew 5:17-20, 2 Tim. 3:15-17)
3. **Application:** Instead of arguing with Nathanael about the town of Nazareth Phillip tells him to "come and see." What can we learn from this response as we try to make disciples of Christ? How can we help others see Jesus today?

### Discussion 3: Jesus, Son of Man

1. What are the 10 different titles that John gives Jesus the first chapter of John? What do all these titles say about Jesus and what do you think John is trying to communicate?
2. What do we learn about Jesus in our passage? What has helped Nathaniel believe Jesus is the Son of God?
3. **Application:** Jesus tells Nathaniel that he will see greater things than these. What are some great things you've seen God do in your life that has strengthened your faith? What are some things you want to see God do in your life? Take time to pray as a group for those things.
4. Jesus alludes to Genesis 22:12-16, and self identifies as the Son of Man. What is the significance of this Old Testament story and the how it impacts how we practice our faith today?

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## Family Discipleship Questions

1. What do you think Jesus knows? Did you know that Jesus knows everything?
2. What does Jesus want you to know about him? What are some other names for Jesus that help us learn about him?

## Further Application

- **Group:** What are some things that cause you to doubt that Jesus is who he says he is? What are some things your group can do to encourage you in times of doubt? Where can you find hope in the Scriptures?
- **Group:** Share as a group some of the factors that led you to believe that Jesus was the Son of God or confirm what you had learned from your youth.

## For Further Study

- **Phillip & Nathaniel:** John 6:5-7; 12:20-23, 14:8-9; 21:1-2, Acts 8:4-40
- **Son of Man:** Gen. 28:12-16, Dan. 7:13-14, John 3:13; 6:27, Acts 7:56
- **Fig Tree:** Deut. 8:7-8, I Kings 4:25, Jer. 5:17, Amos 4:9, Micah 4:3-5 Mark 11:12-25, Luke 13:6-9