



Small Group Study Guide for May 5, 2019

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: As disciples of Jesus, we are to point others to the Savior. Andrew pointed Peter to Jesus, and Philip found Nathaniel. There is a constant invitation that Christians have to “come and see.” We don’t “convert” people, but simply bring them to Jesus, and let the Holy Spirit do His good work in their hearts.

Getting Started:

1. Who are the people in your life who pointed you to Jesus? Whether you came to faith as a child or an adult, who did God put in your life to lead you to Jesus?
2. Share what you remember about your confirmation day. What was the process? How did you feel about it? Were there any special traditions associated with it?

In the Word: Read John 1:35-42

3. John the Baptizer is the one who declares Jesus to be “The Lamb of God.” Why is this so significant, and how does the image of a Lamb describe Jesus’ mission and purpose? (see John 1:29)
4. When John declared Jesus to be the “Lamb of God,” two of his disciples began to follow Jesus. One of them is named. Who was he? The second disciple is not named. Do you have any guesses who that might be? (hint: in John’s Gospel there is one disciple who is consistently not named – the ‘disciple Jesus loved.’ That may be the other unnamed disciple in this passage)
5. The word “Messiah” and “Christ” both mean the same thing – “the Anointed One.” Andrew tells Peter, “We have found the Messiah! (that is, the Christ).” How did they know to look for a Messiah? See John 1:19-20, and remember that Andrew and the other disciple were originally disciples of John the Baptizer.
6. Jesus gave Simon a new name – Peter (Greek) which is also Cephas (Aramaic). Both mean the same thing. What it is? (you may need to look at the footnote to verse 42 in your Bible.)

In the Word: Read John 43-51

7. When Jesus went to Galilee, He found Philip, and said, "Follow me." How did Philip know the brothers Andrew and Peter?

8. Whom did Philip go find and introduce to Jesus?

9. Why is Nathaniel skeptical of Jesus?

10. What does Nathaniel say about Jesus in verse 49?

Pulling it all together

11. Who are some of the people that you have introduced to Jesus over the years?

12. Nathaniel was skeptical of Jesus because of the town he was from. What else makes people skeptical of the claims of Christianity today?

13. In verses 47-48, Jesus knows Nathaniel before they actually meet. Do you find that comforting that Jesus knows us before we even are brought to faith in Him? Why or why not?

14. When Nathaniel says that Jesus is the "King of Israel" (vs 49), he is acknowledging that the Kingdom of God has arrived. In your own words, what is the "Kingdom of God" and how do we get involved in it?

Prayer: Thank the Lord for the people who introduced you to Jesus, and ask Him to show you others that you can invite to know the Savior. Pray for the confirmands who professed their faith, that they would walk with Jesus for a lifetime and point others to Christ.

Next Week: Good Shepherd Sunday is the celebration of our Resurrected Savior who cares for us.