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John 1:35-51

35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 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?" 39 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. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). 42 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).

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 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." 46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" 48 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." 49 Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50 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." 51 And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, [d] you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.'"

Sermon Outline

- I. John points to Jesus (35-36)
- II. Andrew following Jesus (37-40)
- III. Andrew points to Jesus (41-42)
- IV. Phillip following Jesus (43-44)
- V. Phillip points to Jesus (45-46)
- VI. Nathaniel following Jesus (47-51)

Life Group Leader Notes:



This week's sermon was laser-focused on evangelism. Scott opened up with a sobering fact that 7 out of 8 Christians have not shared their faith in the past 12 months. If you think your group is willing to open up, ask if anyone has shared their faith in the last year. If yes, how did it go? If not, what were the reasons?

Scott also discussed some pitfalls to local evangelism, such as the misunderstanding that one's faith is subjective and personal as well as the myth that all religions lead to God (pluralism). Does the Bible support the idea that our faith is simply our own, individual belief and not to be presented to non-believers? Ask the group to think of any scriptures that would refute this concept.

Why is pluralism dangerous? Have you ever encountered this argument? What did you say in return?

Did you find Scott's analogy of a House of Fire helpful? How did that change your view/urgency of evangelism?

What other common objections have you encountered in your Christian witness? In your experience, have you found it true that one of the most common objections to Christianity is other Christians?

Ask your group if evangelism is really as simple as the invitation to **"come and see"**. Discuss how much easier this approach is to the notion that we must have it all figured out (like the example of being well versed in Apologetics).

Finally, be ready to challenge your group. In what way can we invite someone this week to **"come and see?"** How can we do this as individuals or as family units? If we have understood the urgency from this week's message, we must provide practical ways to put this into action.

