

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of September 20, 2020

MY STORY

When you hear some really good news, what's your reaction?

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. John the Baptist was a powerful preacher with a large following yet, many of his disciples left him to follow Jesus.

- What can we learn from how he handled this? Jn. 3:25-30
- Twice, John called Jesus "the Lamb of God". Why? How does that guide our telling others about Jesus?

2. Andrew's response to meeting Jesus was to find his brother Peter and bring him to Jesus.

- Have you ever shared your story of coming to follow Jesus with anyone?
- Andrew's response seems so simple and natural. Why can it be so challenging for us at times? What obstacles may be keeping you from sharing Jesus with others?

3. Philip's response to Jesus was similar to Andrew's: he readily believed and followed Jesus.

- Is that how it usually works?

4. Philip's friend Nathaniel was skeptical. V 45-46

- How did Philip respond? What does "Come and see" look like today?
- Our mission is to win people, not arguments. Paul gave Timothy a strategy for this. 2 Tim. 2:23-26.

TAKING IT HOME

Are you ready to lead others to follow Jesus? Where will you start?

PRAYER REQUESTS

- _____
- _____
- _____

Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

PRAY MORE THAN ONCE

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missionary of the Mont Please pray for Tim & Heidi Olson, our missionaries in Romania.

Prayer Gathering Join us as we come together to pray. We'll meet in the Worship Center at 6 pm on Sunday, the 27th.

Small Group Sign-ups are happening now! Fill out your connection card and let us know you're interested and we'll get you in a group.



The Gospel of John---That You May Believe

Follow Jesus

John 1:35-51 (ESV) Kirk Greenstreet September 20, 2020

I John the Baptist's disciples follow Jesus 1:35-39

John willingly passed his disciples on to Jesus

II Andrew brings his brother to Jesus 1:40-42

Andrew had a zeal to share what he found in Jesus

III Jesus calls Philip to follow Him 1:43-44

Philip couldn't keep the good news about Jesus to himself

IV Philip brings his friend to follow Jesus 1:45-51

Philip invited people to "come and see" for themselves

So, how do we follow Jesus?

1. _____ and believe

We quit going our way and start going His way

2. Be _____ by Jesus

We become life-long learners of Him

3. _____ in Jesus

We stay in relationship with Him

4. Be _____ and bring others to Jesus

We become more like Him to others