



**“Come and See”**  
John 1:35-51

**Big Idea:** Discipleship begins with responding to Jesus’ invitation, not having everything figured out.

I. Jesus Invites Us to Examine What We’re Really Seeking [1:38]  
“What are you seeking?”

**Application:** Discipleship begins when our searching hearts are exposed by Jesus’ question: What are you seeking?

II. Jesus Calls Us to Experience Him Before We Fully Understand Him (1:39, 46)  
“Come, and you will see.”

**Application:** Jesus does not demand certainty before following – He invites closeness.

III. Jesus Reveals His Glory Progressively as We Follow (1:50-51)  
“You will see greater things than these.”

**Application:** The road to glory unfolds as Jesus reveals more of Himself to those who follow.

**Study Questions [Challenge and Prayer]**

- [1] Read John 1:38; Psalm 27:8. [What are you really seeking?] How do Jesus’ question and David’s response expose the true desires of your heart right now?
- [2] Read John 1:39, 46; Psalm 34:8. [Are you willing to follow Jesus before you fully understand Him?] What step of obedience might Jesus be inviting you to take before clarity comes?
- [3] Read John 1:50–51; John 20:31. [Do you expect Jesus to reveal more of His glory as you follow?] How does Jesus’ promise of “greater things” shape the way you view your current faith journey?
- [4] Challenge: Take one step this week to “come and see” Jesus more closely: it could be intentional time in prayer, Scripture, worship, or sharing your faith with someone else. Focus on presence and obedience, not complete clarity.
- [5] Prayer: Ask God to help you to seek Him with a sincere heart, and open your eyes to see Him more clearly and deepen your faith as you walk this road with Him.

**John 1:35-51** The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” [1:29] <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” [18:4, 7, 20:15] And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” [1:49, 3:2, 26, 6:25, 20:16, Mark 10:51] [this was a polite and indirect way of saying they would like to visit with Jesus] <sup>39</sup> 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. [4 PM - may have been too late to leave for safe travel home] <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. [Matthew 4:18-22, Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:2-11] <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). [4:25] <sup>42</sup> He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. [21:15-17] You shall be called Cephas” [1 Corinthians 1:12, 3:22] (which means Peter). [Matthew 16:18]

<sup>43</sup> The next day [1:35, 2:1] Jesus decided to go to Galilee. [1:28] He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. [12:21] <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael [21:2] and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, [Luke 6:16, 24:27] Jesus of Nazareth, [Matthew 2:23] the son of Joseph.” [6:42, Luke 2:53] <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” [7:41, 52] [small town - not mentioned in the OT] Philip said to him, “Come and see.” <sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, [Psalm 73:1, Romans 9:4, 6] in whom there is no deceit!” [Psalm 32:2, Zephaniah 3:13, Revelation 14:5] <sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” [2:24-25] Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” [display of the supernatural knowledge of Jesus] <sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, [1:38] you are the Son of God! [6:69, 11:27, 20:28] You are the King of Israel!” [12:13, Zephaniah 3:15, Matthew 27:11, Matthew 27:42, Zechariah 9:9] [Nathanael believes when Jesus reveals His supernatural knowledge of him, confessing, “You are the Son of God.”] <sup>50</sup> 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.” <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, [Ezekiel 1:1, Matthew 3:16, Luke 3:21] and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.” [Daniel 7:13]