

"Seekers & Skeptics" **John 1:35-51**

1. What principles or observations from Pastor Jason's message did you find to be helpful or insightful?
2. In our first message from our new summer sermon series, "Conversations with Jesus", we see the beginning of Christ's public ministry and the calling of the first disciples. When John the Baptist sees Jesus, he says: "Behold, the Lamb of God!" At that point, two of John's disciples follow after Jesus. And Jesus turns and says, "What do you seek?"

If you are a follower of Christ, what is that you seek? What are you expecting from the relationship? What are you hoping to get out of it? What are you truly seeking in this life?

3. Philip Yancey says in his book *Disappointment with God* that most people get disappointed with God because they have expectations of Him that He's never ever promised them. At the root of discipleship is an alignment with, not our will, but His will and His desire and expectations for our lives.

Write out Psalm 37:4–

What does this verse emphasize?

4. The two disciples respond to Christ's question with a question of their own: "Where are you staying?" And Jesus responds: "Come and see." He doesn't launch into a lecture or a Bible study, He gives an invitation—Come and See.

One of these first two disciples is Andrew and he goes and tells his brother Peter (or Simon): "We have found the Messiah". Andrew then brings Peter to Jesus. Andrew is only mentioned 3 times in the Gospel of John but every time, he's bringing someone to Christ.

Pray and "name-storm". Who are the people in your life that you can invite to "come and see" what it looks like to follow after Christ and give our lives to Him in faith and obedience?

5. The next day, Jesus finds Philip and says, "Follow Me." Philip then found Nathanael and said: "We have found the One of whom Moses and the Prophet spoke of—Jesus of Nazareth." And Nathanael responds with the famous line: "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" And Philip responds as Jesus did in verse 39: "Come and see". When meeting Nathanael, Jesus says, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." And Nathanael is amazed that Jesus can supernaturally know and see all (omniscient) and Nathanael goes from being a doubter to a follower. Jesus promises Nathanael that he will see even greater things than this (His miracles in John 2-13).

When was the last time you were amazed at Christ's work and His power? Explain.