

John 1:35–50 • Who is this guy



Starting a Jesus Movement

We want to start a Jesus movement on this campus in which skeptics, seekers and Christians are welcome to come and see Jesus for themselves. Jesus' movement goes viral in this passage (and continues today through us!)

Discuss

1. Jesus invites seekers to spend the day getting to know him. If you spent the day with Jesus, what would you ask him? Why?
2. Andrew and Nathaniel have very different reactions. Would you say you're more curious like Andrew or skeptical like Nathaniel? Why?

Apply

1. What do you like about Jesus in this passage? Jesus interacts with each person uniquely, knowing what each of us needs in order to trust him and follow him with our whole lives. Seeking Jesus is an investment of time and energy. What do you need to know about Jesus in order to follow him with your whole life?

2. Part of seeking Jesus is inviting friends to seek him as well. Why do you think people are so eager to introduce their friends to Jesus? From the very beginning, the movement that Jesus started spread through relationships. Let's live out this John 1 story today! List the name of people you would like to share this story with and invite them to join us next time.

Steps for Leading this Encounter with Jesus

1. Start with a game or activity to get to know each other (15 minutes)

Here are ideas for great bonding activities:

- Food - Bring pizza or pan dulce to share
- Game - Play something quick and fun to draw people in → Apples to Apples, HedBanz, UNO, etc.
- Icebreaker - Ask an engaging question to get people talking → "What kind of relationships do you want to build by the time you finish college?"

2. Share guidelines for great discussions (2 minutes)

- Everyone try to answer the questions from what you see in the Bible passage.
- Give everyone a chance to talk. It helps if the quick-to-answer people give others a chance to go first sometimes!
- Encourage everyone to ask their own questions about the story. It helps you get better insights!

3. Facilitate a discussion about the story (30 min)

- Share the introduction: "Starting a Jesus Movement"

- Invite someone in the group to read the story aloud.
- Ask them what they have questions about (write these down and ask them to the group along the way)
- Ask the "Discuss" questions.

A few extra questions for going deeper:

- Notice all the different titles that people use to describe Jesus. Why do the titles change as people spend more time with him?
 - What's your favorite way to "spend time" with Jesus? What's something you'd like to try this week?
4. Tell a personal story from your life (5 minutes)
 - Tell a story of a time you put in effort to seek Jesus. How did he show up for you? -or-
 - Tell a story about a time you had news that you just had to share. Relate this to a time you took a risk to introduce a friend to Jesus. How did they respond?
 5. Ask both "Apply" questions and invite everyone to respond (10 minutes)
 - Spiritual Invitation: In question 1, members are identifying the most important question that if answered would allow them to fully follow Jesus. After they have identified their question help them move deeper by asking how they would like to seek Jesus for his answer to their question. Ask how they can start seeking him for an answer this week.
 - Missional Challenge: In question 2, encourage them to text friends on their list right then!