



## John 1:35-51

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<sup>35</sup> The next day John (the Baptist) was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and



who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter). <sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

<sup>46</sup> "Nazareth!

Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.<sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael

approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."<sup>48</sup> "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw



you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."<sup>50</sup>

Jesus said, "You believe because

I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that."<sup>51</sup> He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

## Starting a Jesus Movement

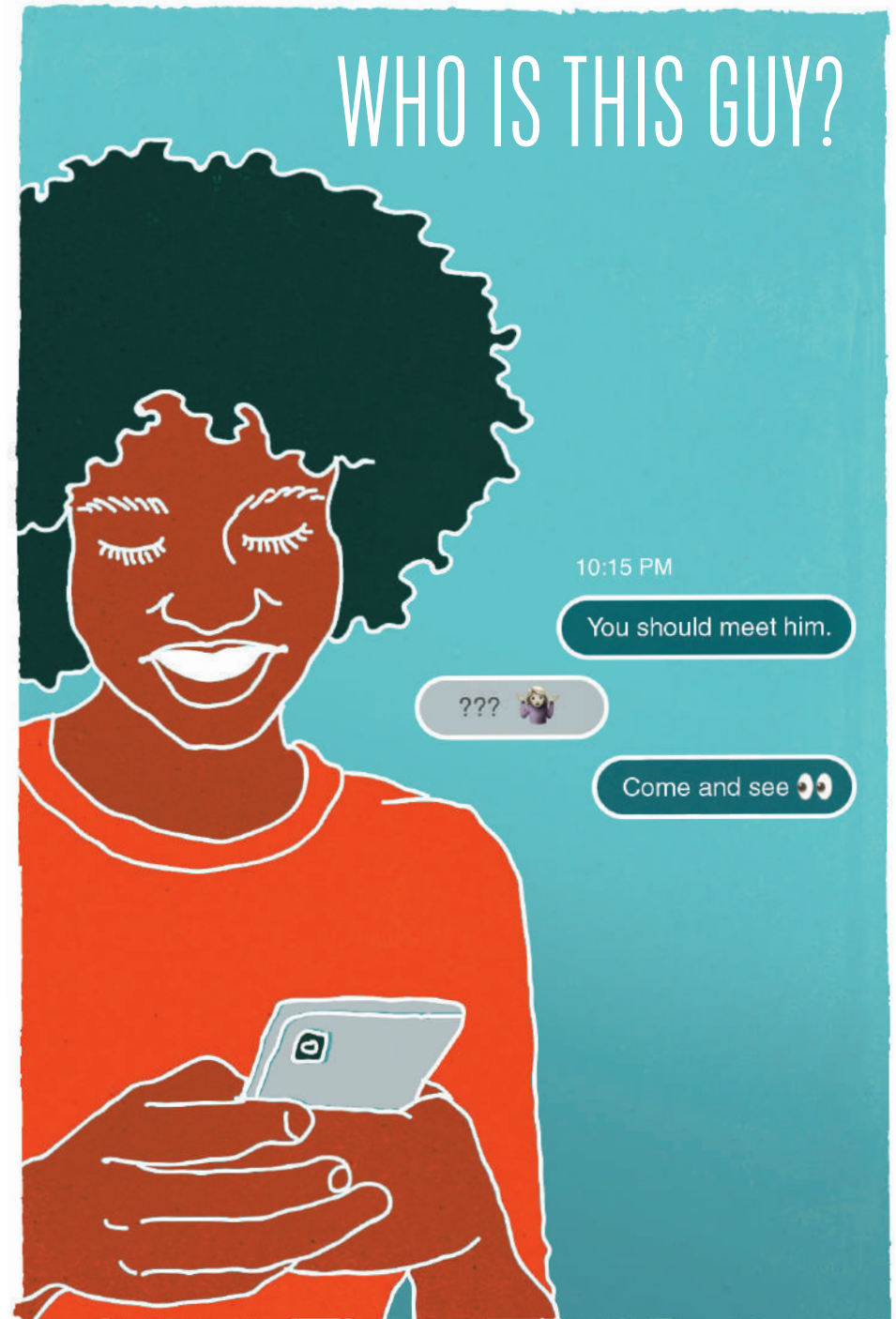
We want to start a Jesus movement on this campus in which skeptics, seekers and Christians are welcome to come and see Jesus for themselves. Jesus' movement goes viral in this passage (and continues today through us).

### Discuss

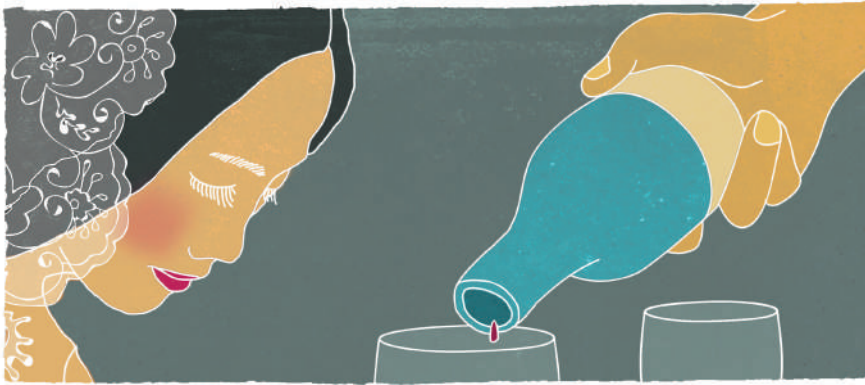
1. Jesus invites seekers to spend the day getting to know him. If you spent the day with Jesus, what would you ask him? Why?
2. Andrew and Nathaniel have very different reactions. Would you say you're more curious like Andrew or skeptical like Nathaniel? Why?

### 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 start, Jesus' movement spread through relationships. Let's live out this John 1 story today! List names of people you would like to share this story with and invite to join us next time.







## John 2:1-11

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<sup>1</sup>On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup>and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." <sup>4</sup>"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup>Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants,



"Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. <sup>8</sup>Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, <sup>9</sup>and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup>and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." <sup>11</sup>What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



## Discuss

In this culture, hospitality was a top value. It would be a great dishonor to run out of food or wine.

1. Turning water into wine is probably the last thing you would expect from someone like Jesus. Interestingly, it caused the disciples to put their trust in him. Why? They likely had new questions about Jesus as a result. What new questions do you have about faith or Jesus?
2. A pool full of top-notch wine is more than enough for this wedding. Why do you think Jesus makes so much? And why such excellent wine? What does this reveal about Jesus and his generosity?

## Apply

1. Jesus responds to scarcity. Where in your life are you "running out of wine" or feeling empty?
2. Jesus wants to show us how good he is by pouring his Spirit into the places of weakness in our lives. Would you like to ask Jesus to meet a need in your life?
3. As followers of Jesus, we emulate his actions. This week, do one of these 3 acts of generosity (or come up with your own). Invite the people you meet to join you next week.
  1. Give out candy and chips.
  2. Buy a bunch of blue books or scantrons to give out during midterms.
  3. Give out cans of sodas and bottles of gatorade on a hot day.







## Luke 19:1-10

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<sup>1</sup>Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.

<sup>2</sup>A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup>He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.



<sup>5</sup>When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay

at your house today." <sup>6</sup>So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

<sup>7</sup>All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."



<sup>8</sup>But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."



## Discuss

Jesus calls Zacchaeus by name and gets into his world by having lunch with him. Jesus is great at building trust with us. This trust-building lunch is a God moment in Zacchaeus' life. And this moment grows into a movement when Zacchaeus turns away from his selfishness and restores all that he had taken from his community.

1. Imagine the city of Jericho getting back 4x what they gave up. How might the people of Jericho view Jesus after Zacchaeus' transformation?
2. What surprises you about how Jesus interacts with Zacchaeus?

## Apply

1. Just like he did with Zacchaeus, Jesus wants to build trust with all of us. He wants to call you by name. This week, ask Jesus daily to build trust with you.
2. Jesus wants to transform all of our selfish habits (including how we spend our money) and make us more like himself. Take a moment for brief listening prayer. What is one habit you would like Jesus to transform?
3. We are also sent to be trust builders. Who do you know on campus with whom you can build trust? Take a risk and be a friend to others. Text someone you know to get a meal this week and build trust with them.



## Luke 15:11-24

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<sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a

distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.<sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were

eating, but no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and

say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.'<sup>20</sup>

So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion



for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'<sup>22</sup> "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.





## Discuss

1. The younger son demands his inheritance while his dad is still alive. How does he view his dad?
2. When he hits rock bottom, he wants to return home, but as a servant. How might a servant get treated?
3. What do you like about how the father responds to his son?
4. Jesus tells this story to describe how much God love us. Where are you in the story?
  - Far from God.
  - Hitting rock bottom and pondering returning.
  - Walking back toward God.
  - Home in God's arms.

## Apply

1. Coming home to the father means becoming a follower of Jesus. Let's take a look at what it means to follow Jesus. (Share the Big Story)
2. We hope our friends experience God's love too. Think of 2 friends with whom you can share this story? Can you text them now a photo of it?





## Luke 14:15-24

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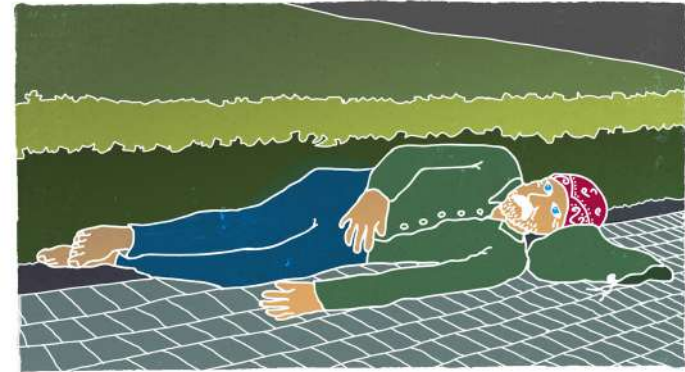
<sup>15</sup> When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God." <sup>16</sup> Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. <sup>17</sup> At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

<sup>18</sup> "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have

just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'

<sup>19</sup> "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try

them out. Please excuse me.' <sup>20</sup> "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' <sup>21</sup> "The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then



the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' <sup>22</sup> "'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.' <sup>23</sup> "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. <sup>24</sup> I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'"



## Discuss

1. How do you prepare to host a big party?
2. The servant is sent to call together the guests who already RSVP'd yes to the party. Why do you think they say yes and then say no? The oxen will be there tomorrow. How would you feel as the master of the party?
3. Why does the master send the servant out two more times to fill the banquet?
4. Some people are open to new ideas in theory, but they close off when it is time to act on it. The first invitees say that they want the banquet, but close off when it comes to follow through. The second round of guests were more open, and they experienced all the master had to offer. Why are the second and third round of people more open-minded?

## Apply

1. Are you open to God meeting a real need in your life? What need would you like God to meet?
2. How can you be like the servant, and invite people to check out God? Write down a list of people you know on campus. Do listening prayer. Who will you focus on inviting this week?
3. How might you be like the master, and host a new community gathering? Do some listening prayer: what niche community or what friends might God send you to?

