

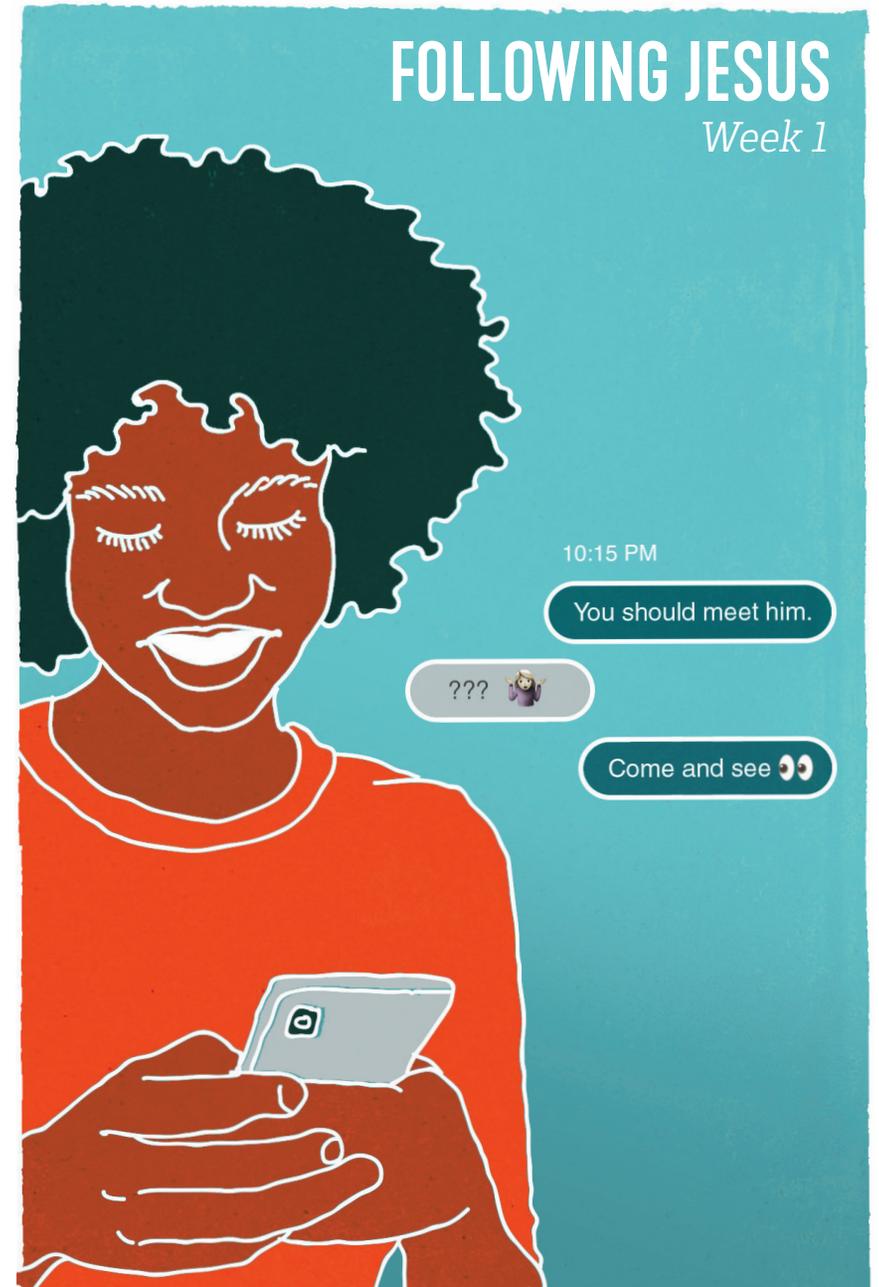
## Apply

### *Right now (Come and see):*

Jesus invited his first followers to “come and see” what he was doing. He showed Nathaniel just what he needed to see, but also promised that if he followed him, he would see even greater things! Jesus is inviting us to follow him, to come and see what he’s doing in our lives and on our campus. Each week in this Bible study, we’ll take time to encounter Jesus together right here, to “come and see” what he wants to do in our lives. Let’s take a few minutes to pray and ask God to be present.

### *This week (Go and do):*

From the very start, Jesus’ movement spread through relationships. People who encountered him couldn’t wait to invite their friends to meet him. Let’s follow Jesus’ example and live out this John 1 story today! Who do you want to invite to “come and see” Jesus? List out their names and make a plan to invite them to the next study in the Following Jesus series!



## John 1:35-51 (NIV)

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<sup>35</sup> The next day John 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."

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## Intro

As we kick off this series on how to follow Jesus, we're naturally starting at the beginning, when Jesus met his first followers. This is the story of how the very first community of "Jesus followers" came to be.

## Discuss

1. When the two disciples approach Jesus, he invites them to spend the day getting to know him. If you spent the day with Jesus, what would you ask him? Why?
2. Upon meeting Jesus, Andrew and Philip have an immediate impulse to go out and invite other people to meet him too. Why do you think people are so eager to introduce their friends to Jesus?
3. Andrew and Nathaniel have very different reactions to hearing about Jesus. Would you say you're more curious like Andrew or skeptical like Nathaniel? Why?
4. Why do you think Jesus' words to Nathaniel impact him so significantly?
5. What do you like about Jesus in this story?