

Vocation – Exploring God’s Call For small group study

Discussion 1: Every Christian is Called to Follow Jesus

Prepare a comfortable place for your study and arrange for refreshments.

Give time for people to arrive, to settle in and to have a moment to visit with one another.

When you are ready to begin invite people to introduce themselves and share a story of when each one first felt drawn to the person of Jesus and the life of faith.

Read: John 1: 35-42

35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ ³⁹He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

Exploring the text:

- a) John the Baptist points the disciples to take notice of Jesus. What was the relationship between John and his disciples? Why do you think they followed Jesus?
- b) Jesus asked them “What are you looking for?” What do you think they were looking for? What do you think is the longing in every human heart?
- c) Jesus did not answer their question of him and instead said, “Come and see”. How do you think the disciples felt at this response? Does the passage give any clue to what they might have encountered?
- d) Why does Andrew go in search of his brother?
- e) When Jesus sees Simon he calls him “Cephas” which is translated Peter, but is also translated as rock. What is the rock of faith that is the foundation of the disciples’ journey with Jesus?

Going Deeper:

- a) Who were the people in your life who pointed you toward the person of Jesus?
- b) What is it about Jesus that speaks to you?
- c) If someone asked you to say why you are a person of faith, what would you say?
- d) How does your faith impact your daily life?

After your discussion, thank everyone for their participation and close with the Lord’s Prayer and the Grace.