

Discussion Questions Conversations With Jesus Week One

John 1:35-37

This passage begins with "John the Baptist", a charismatic preacher who had developed a significant following. Have you, or anyone close to you, ever found yourself following a charismatic person in any way? How did it happen, and how did it turn out?

How should this call to follow Jesus above all others impact us as Christ-followers? Specifically, in an election year?

John 1:38

These are Jesus' first words in the Gospel of John, and he asks an important question worth considering.

What do you want? What are you really looking for from Jesus right now?

They call Jesus 'Rabbi'.

What does this response mean & what role/title does Jesus have in your life these days?

John 1:39

Tim Keller says that Jesus' call to "come and see" is an invitation to adventure. How has following Jesus created adventure in your life?

Are there any adventures he's inviting you into right now?

John 1:40-42

Here, Jesus acknowledges who Simon was and is, but he goes further and gives him a new name to say, "By following me, I know who you'll eventually become." What do you think Jesus might have named you when he first met you? (Don't be humble, just like Peter; God sees all your potential!)

John 1:43-46

In these verses, Nathanael gets great news, but he's unsure. He's cynical, full of doubts. This is not the Messiah he expects or even wants, and he's been let down before. Do you have doubts, cynicism, or disappointments that hold you back from Jesus?

John 1:47-49

What do you think was going on with this fig tree that Jesus' statement had such a significant impact on Nathanael?

What's your fig tree these days? Your place of waiting, disappointment, discouragement, doubt, fear, failure?

John 1:50-51

Jesus makes a huge claim in this concluding verse as he tells Nathanael that this fig tree moment is nothing compared to what's ahead if Nathanael follows.

What do you think Jesus is saying to Nathanael and us?