

ULC Sermon Study Resource

Come and See

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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: **What's something that instantly brings you joy in life?**

Reading: John 1:43-51

Outline:

- I. The Call of Phillip v. 43-45
 - a. After being called himself, Phillip relays the call he initially received to Nathanael
 - b. Our excitement over our own salvation should make us so overjoyed that we can't help but share that to others and call them as well
Q: How does Phillips' connection with Nathanael represent ideal witnessing?
- II. The Israelite with No Deceit v. 46-48
 - a. When Jesus calls Nathanael the Israelite with no deceit, He compares him to the father of Israel, Jacob, who was full of deceit
 - b. By doing this, Jesus reveals himself and sets forward a clear path for his ministry
Q: Why does Jesus make this connection to Jacob?
- III. The Fulfillment of the Promise v. 49-51
 - a. Here Jesus makes another comparison between Nathanael and Jacob to establish that the same angels Jacob saw are descending and ascending on Jesus
 - b. Connecting Jesus to the father of Israel revealed his position as our Saviour
Q: What hope were people given by this declaration from Jesus?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) Why is the joy of our salvation crucial to the mission Jesus gives us?
- 2) How can you relate to Nathanael's initial doubts?
- 3) What role did Jesus' knowledge of Nathanael's character play in him believing in Jesus?
- 4) How does Jesus call you by the knowledge He has of you in your low and lonely points?
- 5) *How does the evidence of Jesus' position from this scripture fuel his ministry?*

Suggestions for further study:

- Deuteronomy 18:15-18 **Q: How does this scripture predict the way we witness, like Phillip?**
- Genesis 28:10-17 **Q: In what ways does this scripture repeat Jesus' words from John 1?**

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for today. Thank you for the opportunity to hear your word and receive the gift of your word made flesh for the forgiveness of our sins. As we meditate on this word today, we pray that the meditations of our hearts would be pleasing in your sights. Help us become more than hearers of the word, but doers of it as well. We ask all this in Jesus' name, Amen.