

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

John 1:38-51

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read John 1:38-51.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

³⁸ And Jesus turned and saw them following, and said to them, “What do you seek?”

They said to Him, “Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?”

³⁹ He said to them, “Come, and you will see.”

So they came and saw where He was staying;

and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.

⁴¹ He found first his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah”

(which translated means Christ).

⁴² He brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John;

you shall be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

⁴³ The next day He purposed to go into Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, “Follow Me.”

⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter.

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him,

“We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote

— Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?

Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him,

“Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!”

⁴⁸ Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?”

Jesus answered and said to him,

“Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

⁴⁹ Nathanael answered Him,

“Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.”

⁵⁰ Jesus answered and said to him,

“Because I said to you I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe?

You will see greater things than these.”

⁵¹ And He said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you,

you will see the heavens opened and the angels of God

ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

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1. Where did Jesus' first two followers in this passage come from and who were they? What had they heard about Jesus? (See 1:29-37 for context)
2. Who all did Jesus interact with in this passage?
3. List the instructions Jesus gave.
4. What did Andrew become convinced of regarding Jesus?
5. Who invited each of the men who came to Jesus in this passage?
6. How did Nathanael's first response to hearing about Jesus compare with his latter response in vs. 49?

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7. What prophecies or predictions were made in this passage?

8. List the ways Jesus is referred to.

❖ Day 2

Read John 1:38-51 again.

9. What could the disciples' response in vs. 38 have indicated they wanted?

10. How did Philip display faith in Jesus? What did he believe about Jesus?

11. Who in this passage believed Jesus to be a fulfillment to prophecy?

12. What apprehension did Andrew, Peter, and Philip have to following Jesus?

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13. To what extent did Nathanael's view of Jesus change? What convinced him?

14. How did Jesus respond to Nathanael's proclamation of faith? How would that faith later be affirmed?

❖ Day 3

Read John 1:38-51 again.

15. Recall when you came to faith in Jesus. What had you heard specifically about Jesus that led to following Him?

16. Why do you think Jesus did not receive more opposition than He did from those invited to follow Him?

17. Thinking through what was announced about Jesus, in what ways would it be similar and what ways different to share the gospel with others today than how these disciples were called to follow Jesus in this passage?

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18. Consider what was communicated by the individuals here in announcing Jesus to others. How intentional and direct were these conversations?
19. Pray for the Holy Spirit's work among our congregation in the preparation and preaching of this passage.
20. How can this passage be used in your witness of the gospel to an unbeliever?
21. Summarize this passage in 21 words or less.