

Week: for **September 16, 2020**

Scripture: **John 1:34-51**

Bottom Line: **Jesus is the truth of God: invite others to meet him**

A personal note from **Andy**: this week, the content here is pretty straightforward. I only talk about vs 41-51 for time's sake, but you should read the whole section. Again, put the priority on the relationship! If you need to spend more time on getting to know each other, go for it. But make sure you hit the fundamentals: scripture, discussion, prayer.

- Use the following questions to help move group discussion along, draw them out, and get them talking.
- As always, feel free to adapt or change or edit these as you see fit. If you want to get some more ideas, look at "*The Art of Group Talk*" for guys or girls in the leader lounge, or other resources you find there.
- If you do get any feedback, questions, comments, or connections on the teaching tonight - please let one of our staff know so we can follow up in the live Q&A on Friday afternoon!
- **MAKE SURE** you find out how to be praying for them right now, and take time pray together before you exit.

#### Questions for discussion:

1. Have you ever been told something, read something, or heard something but didn't believe it until experiencing it for yourself? Or you encountered it for yourself, and NOW you see it differently? What was that, and what was it like?
2. Have students look up the Bible on a phone or on the handout and read John 1:34-51. *Leader tip: might be a great moment to let them know that since we can't pass Bibles around, this would be a good year to start bringing one with them.*

In this passage...

3. Who are the three people in this story who point others to Jesus? What's the same about them? What's different about each of them?
4. What do you see them doing? Or not doing? Who are they with?
5. Try to think of at least one person who has helped point you to Jesus. It might be a teacher, preacher, leader, family member, friend, etc. Who is one? And can you tell us about him or her... (*leaders: you might want to share a story here, too*).

In this passage...

6. What do you see **Jesus** doing? Read back through it and pull out each specific thing he does.
7. If any of you are willing to share (*leaders, might be a good moment for you*), when is a time or moment or way that you "met" or "encountered" or "saw" Jesus in a new way? That he became more real to you or you believed in him?
8. Did that moment or time feel like a surprise to you? Why or why not?
9. What tends to keep you or me from inviting other people to come and see Jesus? (Or, what's a reason you might not say anything to a friend or family member?)
10. How are we able to get over people's opinion of us so we can be freed up to care for people with honesty?
11. What can we learn from Philip's "come and see" response when Nathanael blows him off about meeting Jesus? How can we apply that to our own lives?
12. Which feels easier to you - inviting them to D-Group or church or an event, or inviting a friend to read the Bible with you?