

Title | Philip

Series | Bring One

Text | John 1:43-51

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John 1:43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, 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 anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward 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 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 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 heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." ESV

Big Idea:

Sermon Notes

John 1:46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ESV

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Can you remember a time when you were skeptical about Jesus? How did you want to be treated by Jesus followers in the midst of your skepticism?

Tuesday:

Read John 1:43-46. How did Philip deal with the skepticism of Nathanael? What are some common ways to deal with skepticism that are not reflected in Philip's response?

Wednesday:

In John 1:43-51, Philip seems to set an example by responding to Nathanael's skepticism by simply saying "Come and see" and trusting Jesus to work in Nathanael. What does that mean to you? How can you apply it to your life?

Thursday:

The point was made, "sometimes we grossly overestimate our own role in bringing someone to Jesus, and we grossly underestimate the role of Jesus." To what extent have you seen this reflected in your own thinking and experience? How does it make you feel to know that, when you reach out to bring others, Jesus is at work, doing the heavy lifting?

Friday:

Who could you bring to experience the body of Christ at Moon Valley?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, grant me the wisdom and simplicity of Philip in reaching out to others who may be skeptical. Amen.