

Group discussion *Each number below includes questions that relate to the scripture. I offer a few answers, but your perspective may be better. The point is to discuss, not to get 100% agreement. Rule of thumb: the fewer questions you ask, the better. Save time for “the big question.”*

Read John 1:35-42 aloud.

1. How were these two disciples introduced to Jesus?
They had been followers of John the Baptist.

Why do you think John pointed them to Jesus? What does that say about his character and his mission?

How do you think John felt about Jesus?

2. What did these two see when they followed Jesus?

What do you think was a typical day for Jesus?

How demanding would it have been to spend a day with Jesus?

3. Why did Jesus invite these two to “come and see”?

What happened to most people who spent time with Jesus?

When do you get to spend time with Jesus? When are you most aware of his presence and power?

4. What was the first thing Andrew did after spending time with Jesus?
Told his brother Simon.

What does this tell you about Andrew and his faith?

5. How did Simon respond to Andrew’s news?

How was Simon’s life changed after he met Jesus?

6. Sometimes Christians think of evangelism and discipleship as separate tasks. We might even believe that our weak discipleship prevents evangelism – “I’m not ready. I’m too busy working on my own faith to explain it to someone else.”

How would this story challenge that belief?
How mature was Andrew’s faith when he told Simon?

What is the John 1 definition of evangelism?
“Come & see”

How does evangelism relate to discipleship?
Pointing others to Jesus sharpens your faith. As your faith grows, you have more information and more reason to tell others. The two nourish each other.

“Few souls understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves unreservedly to Him and if they were to allow His grace to mold them accordingly.”
- Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)

† **The big question** *If you ask only one question, let this be it. Allow at least 20 minutes. Go around the circle and give each person an opportunity to answer. It’s okay if they pass, but at least they get a chance to respond.*

In what ways has Jesus provided good news for you? When has he done something in your life that is worth telling?

Resources

Bible notes

- From the titles for Jesus, you get a sense that these disciples did not comprehend who he was. John addressed him as the “Lamb of God” two days in a row (1:29, 35). The second day they took the hint and followed Jesus. But when they approached him, they called him “Rabbi,” a respectful title but not nearly as significant as “Messiah” (1:41).
- The question in verse 38 is obviously deeper than a request for a house tour. Their question could be translated “Where are you dwelling?,” which indicates a desire to discover who Jesus is.

Prayer ideas

Thank God for the ways he has blessed you.

Ask the group to name blessings from A to Z.

Praise God for the ways he has blessed all of us through Jesus.

Pray for eyes to see who might be ready to hear the good news.

Kid-friendly activity. *An activity designed to help kids and adults grow in faith together. Do this first, then dismiss the kids so the adults can talk.*

Good News Charades

Each kid act out something good that has happened to them recently (no spoiling by parents or siblings). Group members try to guess what happened.

Read John 1:35-42 aloud.

What was the good news John the Baptist told about?

What was the good news Andrew told about?

What is something good that God has done in your life?

Offer a prayer of thanks.



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LIFE Group Guide

John 1 – Dwelling and telling

By John Grant (jgrant@collegehills.org)

The theme for this meeting: **as we dwell with Jesus he gives us a story we can't wait to share with people we love.**

Kevin is preaching from the book of John this month. John is a rich gospel. Read through the whole book over the next few weeks – it will bless you, and it will prepare you to lead.

Leadership tip: Encourage your group to serve together. Here's one idea...

College Hills will host a Christmas party on December 13 for kids involved in Headstart in the public schools. Debbie Smith & Melissa Pittman have proposed that we add a grocery element.

Would your LG be willing to prepare grocery boxes to give to these families? Here's what it would involve...

- On November 9, you would receive grocery lists and empty boxes.
- Your group can decorate the boxes.
- Members would have until Dec. 10 to return the full boxes to College Hills. This would give you two meetings when you could work on the project – Nov. 23 & 30.

Melissa will call each LG leader during October to ask if you are interested.

Relate *Use a few to introduce the theme, check everyone's spiritual pulse, and "break the ice." No right or wrong answers – maybe goofy but not wrong! Look for opportunities to affirm and encourage through these questions.*

- ❖ Who should win SEC coach of the Year – Vanderbilt's Bobby Johnson or Alabama's Nick Saban?
- ❖ What will you be for Halloween?
You might suggest wearing costumes to the next meeting!
- ❖ Who is a famous person you have met?
- ❖ What is the last really good news you have heard?