

<p>Theme & Passage(s)</p>	<p>Seeking Jesus and being found by Him John 1:29-51</p>
<p>Welcome</p>	<p>What is the most interesting/inspiring story you can recall of seeing God at work? It could be something you have experienced personally or a story you have read or heard elsewhere.</p>
<p>Worship</p>	<p>Notice the different names/titles that Jesus is given in this passage. These all point to a different facet of His identity. Encourage prayers of praise for who Jesus is and for what he has done.</p> <p>eg. Lamb of God: through Him we are forgiven, cleansed and liberated. Messiah/Christ: the chosen and anointed One who came to rescue Creation and overthrow the powers of darkness. Son of Joseph: God made flesh, fully God and fully man.</p> <p>Suggested songs and psalms: Psalm 2 <i>In Christ Alone</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENTL_li4GbE <i>We believe in God the Father</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8OhjvKHNKb0 <i>This I believe (The Creed)</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FtUNQpu2b7Q</p>
<p>Word/ Read & Reflect</p>	<p>(Don't feel you need to answer all the questions below. Decide which prompts will be most relevant and helpful for your group)</p> <p>After reading the passage go back and identify all the parts that refer to 'seeing'. Who in this story saw what? What was the result of them seeing?</p> <p>What is the connection between v.37-39 and v.45-46? The invitation held out by Jesus is clearly experiential rather than intellectual. What have you seen or experienced of Jesus that caused you to believe?</p> <p>Even those in this story who make professions of faith in Jesus early on have wobbles further down the road (see Matt.11:2-6; Luke 22:54-62). What are the practices or behaviours that anchor you in your faith when the going gets tough? How do we continue to 'come and see' and experience Jesus when we've been following Him for many years?</p> <p>Take a closer look at Jesus' encounters with Simon Peter in v.42 and with Nathanael in v.47. Jesus sees and calls out something in both of them which is personal and unique. Have you had an experience of Jesus revealing to you something unique about your identity (either through receiving a prophetic word or in a different encounter)? Who does Jesus see you as? Is there a word or name He would give you? It may be appropriate to spend time listening to God for one another and sharing any insights you received.</p>
<p>Working it out</p>	<p>This passage demonstrates the chain reaction that can occur when one person spends time with Jesus and recognises who He is. John the Baptist tells his followers what he saw. Andrew responds to this and subsequently brings his brother Simon Peter to Jesus. We see the same with Philip and Nathanael. They share with others what they have witnessed of Jesus ie. what they have seen, heard or experienced. Read Acts 1:8. Spend some time thinking about how you might share your experiences of Jesus with your friends, family, neighbours and colleagues. Pray for the Holy Spirit to empower you in your witness and give you opportunities to tell of God's work in your life.</p>

