

Following Christ

Series 2: Bible Study Week 1

Personal Bible Study Week 1

Day: 1

Read: *John 1: 35-42*

1. How did the two disciples of John become disciples of Jesus? (Verse 35-40)
2. What are the good lessons we can learn from John, looking at verse 35-36? (Also have a look at John 3:26-30)
3. Read verse 41-42 with John 3: 26-30 and John 12: 20-22. What does it tell us about Andrew and about real discipleship?
4. What did God say to you, specifically, in this piece of scripture?

Day: 2

Read: *John 1: 43-51*

1. How did it happen that Philip became a follower of Christ? Why do you think the fact in verse 44 was added?
2. What was the content of their testimony if you look at verse 41 taking verse 45 into account? What does it teach us about our testimony?
3. What are we taught in verse 46 concerning our testimony to people when they want to enter into an argument with us when we want to speak to them about Jesus? What does a Christian do then?
4. What do we learn about Jesus in verse 47-51? And about Nathanael?

Day: 3

Read: *Luke 5: 1-11*

1. What is the important lesson we are taught in verse 4-6 concerning our work but also especially as far as our calling as witnesses are concerned.
2. How did Peter become a follower of Jesus (verse 8-11)? Name the different steps.
3. What is the message for you in today's study?

Day: 4

Read: *Luke 5: 27-32*

1. How did Levi become a follower of Jesus? (Verse 27-28)
2. Why did Levi give the big dinner and who did he invite and why? What is the example, to us, in this?

3. Read verse 30 together with Luke 15: 1-2, 25-32. What is it that Jesus wanted to make very clear there?
4. Verse 27 and 32 says: Luke 5:32 "I'm here inviting outsiders, not insiders--an invitation to a changed life, changed inside and out."(Meaning sinners.) Why is it important to know that?

Day: 5

Read: *Luke 9: 57-62*

1. What does the answer Jesus gives in verse 58 to the question in verse 57 mean?
2. What does He teach us in verse 59-60?
3. And in verse 61-62?
4. First can mean postponing or it can mean priority. What is the case in verse 59 and in verse 61?

Day: 6

Read: *Thessalonians 1:1-10*

1. How does one become a follower of Jesus Christ according to verse 4-6?
2. What further light does verse 9 cast onto the subject?
3. If one becomes a disciple of Jesus Christ, what must it lead to? Have a look at verse 9b-10 and especially verse 7.
4. What is the message, of this piece, to you?

Week 1: Group Bible Study

Read: *Matthew 4: 17 - 22*

Verse 17:

This Isaiah-prophesied sermon came to life in Galilee the moment Jesus started preaching. He picked up where John left off: "Change your life. God's kingdom is here."

Jesus starts His public appearances when John the Baptist was thrown in jail. The work of the one that had to prepare the way is finished. Now the One for whom the path had been prepared for appears. Inverse 13-16 Matthew quotes Isaiah 8: 23 and 9:1. He is writing to the Jews in the first place and he wants to prove that Jesus is the Messiah by proving it from scripture.

"Change your lives" Jesus starts His preaching with the same message as John. The people are called back to God because His Kingdom is near.

Verse 18-22:

After giving an overview of Jesus' preaching he moves on to the calling of the first disciples.

1. What are the three things that had to happen first before these men could become followers of Christ? Get your answer in today's reading.
2. Does everyone have to be able to give a day and date when they became followers of Christ? Motivate your answers.
3. Why did He call these men as disciples? Was it only for their salvation or for a bigger plan? Explain your answer. Is this only true for some Christians? Motivate your answer from the Bible.
4. Luke 5:10 and 2 Timothy 2:26 use the same word for "catch." The word means "catch alive" What does it tell if you have a look at these verses and you look at the people around you.
5. What does verse 19 say to you?
6. What does Jesus' words say to us concerning personal work?