

Small Group Discussion Guide: The Power of Invitation

Opening Question:

- Share a time when you received an invitation that made you feel seen and valued. How did it impact you?

Read John 1:43-51

Discussion Questions:

1. Jesus Invites Us

- In verse 43, Jesus simply says to Philip, "Follow me." Why do you think Philip responded so quickly?
- Reflecting on your own journey, how did you first come to know Jesus? Who was instrumental in inviting you to explore faith?

2. We Are More Like Nathaniel

- Philip invites Nathaniel, but Nathaniel's first reaction is skepticism (verse 46). Have you ever had doubts or hesitations about faith? What helped you overcome them?
- What does Philip's response ("Come and see") teach us about how to invite others to Jesus?

3. Jesus Sees Us

- Jesus tells Nathaniel that He saw him under the fig tree before Philip called him (verse 48). Why do you think this moment was so significant to Nathaniel?
- How does it feel knowing that Jesus sees and knows you completely?
- Have you had a personal "fig tree" moment—where you felt God truly saw and spoke into your life?

4. Who is Your Nathaniel?

- Think about the people in your life—family, friends, coworkers. Is there someone God may be prompting you to invite to experience Jesus?
- What are some practical ways you can extend an invitation? (Examples: sharing your testimony, inviting them to church, giving them a Bible, offering to pray for them.)

Application & Prayer:

- Take a moment to write down the name of someone you feel led to invite to explore faith.
- Pray as a group for courage and opportunities to be a Philip to someone this week.
- Ask God to open their hearts to His invitation, just as He did for Nathaniel.

Closing Thought:

Just like Philip, we have the privilege of inviting others to experience Jesus. May we be bold in our invitations and trust that God is already working in the hearts of those we reach out to.