

*“Found People Find People” underscores the profound impact of personal transformation. Put simply, you know what it’s like to be lost, and part of your life’s mission is to help find others. As those who are alive in Christ, we should be inspired to share our newfound hope with others and become fishers of men.*

#### **Core Value 4: Found People Find People**

**We see a church filled with disciples who are energized by the mission of introducing unsaved neighbors, family, colleagues, and friends to Jesus.** Because He found us, we will do everything we can to invite people far from God to know who Jesus is and what He has done. Rather than waiting for people to come to us and ask about our God, we will take a proactive approach to telling people about the hope we have in Christ Jesus. We must have the same invitational spirit as the disciple Philip, who, after meeting Jesus, found Nathanael and invited him to “come and see”

*(John 1:46).*

# SESSION 4

Found People Find People

“Come and see,” said Philip.

—JOHN 1:46b



# JOHN 1:35–51

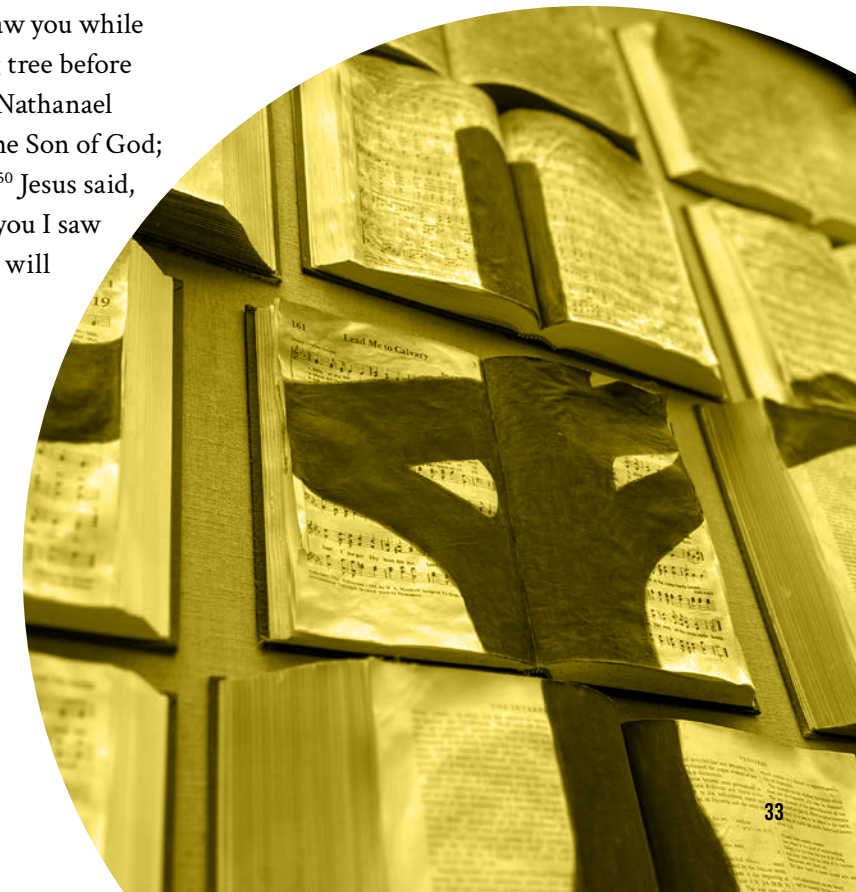
Read Aloud in Your Group

<sup>35</sup> The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had

said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter). <sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the

prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” <sup>46</sup> “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip. <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.” <sup>48</sup> “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.” <sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.” <sup>50</sup> Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will

see greater things than that.” <sup>51</sup> He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”





# FOR DISCUSSION

## Found People Find People

**INTRODUCTORY QUESTION:** Who was the first person you remember telling you about Jesus, and what impact did that encounter have on your life?

1. What stands out to you about the initial interactions between Jesus and His first disciples in John 1:35–42?
2. In verse 37, Jesus invites the two disciples to “come and see.” What does this invitation mean, and how does it apply to us today?
3. How do Andrew and Philip respond to meeting Jesus, and what can we learn from their immediate actions? Reflect on the disciples’ eagerness to share the good news and introduce others to Jesus.
4. How can these encounters with Jesus in John 1:35–51 inspire us to actively respond to His invitation and follow Him wholeheartedly?
5. What are some practical ways we can introduce others to Jesus, just as Andrew and Philip did with Nathanael?
6. What potential obstacles or fears might hinder us from sharing our faith with others, and how can we overcome them as a group?
7. How can we create a culture within our small group that values evangelism (sharing the Good News) and encourages each member to actively participate in the mission of Christ?



8. What steps can each of us take individually to live out our core value of “Found People Find People” in our daily lives and personal relationships?

### GROUP EXERCISE:

When you look far enough back at your life of faith, you will eventually find the time you first heard the Good News of Jesus. While God is always the one who saves through His Spirit, He uses people to tell us the Gospel and introduce us to Jesus.

First, think back to who first told you about Jesus. It may have been your parents, a friend, or a pastor. If you can, try to think about who told them about Jesus and who told that person about Jesus. You may not be able to fill in all the names, but it is remarkable to think that this chain of people stretches all the way back to Jesus Himself!

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Second, write down three people who you have helped know Jesus, whether you were the first person to introduce Jesus to them or not. It could be your kids, a friend, a colleague, or a neighbor.

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Third, write down the names of three people you would like to have a conversation about Jesus with!

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# CORE VALUE IN ACTION

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A verse he had read many times jumped off the page of Walter’s Bible. “Follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” (*Matthew 4:19*) It couldn’t have been clearer. Walter realized afresh that someone following Jesus will naturally become someone who fishes for others for Christ. He began to pray for guidance from the Lord, trusting Him to open doors to share his faith intentionally with others as natural opportunities arise in everyday life.

John and Walter had been friends in Ohio throughout their childhood. They played on the same Little League baseball team during junior high and were part of the same varsity soccer team in high school. Walter came to Christ a few years after high school. John and he lost touch as their life paths took different routes. Through a casual reconnection on Facebook many years later, John reached out to Walter inquiring about a social media post Walter had made regarding a Bible study. Deciding to reconnect via phone, John shared his doubts whether God could ever forgive him for the decades of sin that had infected his life.

Walter explained God’s everlasting love and the Gospel to his high school friend. After several conversations, John prayed to receive Christ as His Savior over the phone. Walter continues to walk with John as he grows in his walk with Jesus.

One day, Tony, a contractor, visited Walter’s home for some work. Upon a return trip for some additional work, Tony asked Walter about his faith. Walter shared his testimony and began to present the Gospel to Tony as he worked at their home. Over time, Tony became involved in Walter’s online Bible study group and continued to ask more questions about the Bible and the Gospel of Grace.

During one of Tony’s visits to Walter’s home, he excitedly told Walter that he had repented of his sin and put his faith in Jesus. Walter and his wife celebrated and prayed with Tony for his new life in Christ. Tony recently asked Walter to baptize him during Calvary’s baptism at the beach in August. Walter felt honored and humbled to be a part of that significant milestone in Tony’s life and journey with Christ.

Walter, a found person, experienced a renewed joy of how following Jesus results in the privilege of being a fisherman for Christ.

*To go deeper in this core value, enroll in Calvary’s Discover My Mission—Class 401 ([calvarywestlake.org/discipleship-classes](http://calvarywestlake.org/discipleship-classes)).*

