

# Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: BELIEVE

Message: The Truths of Discipleship

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**Memory Verse:** John 13:34-35 NIV

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

*The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.*

**Big Idea: True disciples know Christ, and they make Christ known.**

## Read John 1:19-51

1. John was drawing so much attention that a delegation was sent from Jerusalem to learn more about him and what he was doing (v 19). What was John's message that was getting so much attention (see also, Mark 1:4; Luke 3:3)? Do you think people today would be drawn to a messenger who preached repentance? What kinds of people or messages tend to draw spiritual curiosity today?
2. When the religious leaders ask John about who he is, John defines his identity by who Jesus is (v 23, 26-27). When someone wants to know more about you—perhaps in a new acquaintance, a casual conversation, or even a deeper friendship—how prone are you to naturally weave your faith into your identity? How can we become more intentional about allowing our faith to be a clear, yet natural, part of how we present ourselves to the world?
3. Identifying Jesus as the Lamb of God drew on Old Testament imagery of the sacrificial lamb that was used at Passover as a sin offering (v 29, 36). Jesus is not just a wise teacher or moral example; He is the one who offers Himself to remove our sin. What emotions or thoughts stir in you when you consider



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Jesus as your substitute, bearing what you could not? In what ways might Jesus be unintentionally reduced to a moral guide rather than our sin-bearing Savior?

4. John the Baptist points Andrew to Jesus; Andrew then brings his brother Peter. Jesus calls Philip and then Philip invites Nathanael. These examples emphasize that most people come to faith not through arguments or programs but through personal relationships and spiritual invitations. When you think of those in your life who are skeptical or searching, how might a meaningful relationship be the most effective way to reach them? What role can you play in the 230k by 2030 vision to make Christ known locally?
5. When John's disciples begin to follow Jesus, He asks, "What do you want" (v 37)? Take a moment to reflect: Why did you first begin following Jesus? What drew you to Him, and what were you seeking? As time has passed, our understanding and relationship with Jesus often deepen. Why do you still follow Jesus today? What continues to sustain your faith and commitment?
6. Andrew and John (the two disciples traditionally understood to be referenced in v 37) stay with Jesus (v 39). In our busy, modern lives, what are some of the most significant challenges you face that make it difficult to "remain with Jesus consistently"? (Consider distractions, time commitments, busyness, societal pressures, personal struggles, doubts, etc.) What is one small, practical step you could take this week to be more intentional about "remaining with Jesus" amidst your daily responsibilities?
7. After finding the Messiah, the first thing Andrew does is to share the news with Peter (v 41). When you came to faith in Jesus, what was your response (excitement, joy, peace, gratitude, etc.)? Who was the first person you felt compelled to share the news with, if anyone? If you haven't shared your faith with others, what holds you back?
8. Nathanael nearly missed the Messiah because of a regional bias (v 46). Prejudices, assumptions, and stereotypes can easily cloud our spiritual vision and keep us from recognizing God's work. Have you ever dismissed someone or something God may have been using simply because it didn't match your



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expectations? What helps you become more aware of your assumptions and more open to seeing people and situations as God sees them?



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