

Igniting A Movement

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Scripture: John 1:35-51

Big Idea: Joining the movement ignited by Jesus requires staying with, seeing like, spreading the truth of, and surrendering to Jesus.

1. (Andrew) Staying with Jesus

Where does Jesus stay?

Luke 5:16 – in solitude for prayer

Matt 4:23-25 with people for purpose driven ministry

2. (Peter) Seeing like Jesus

Jesus looked at him (42)-

Jesus understands how Simon is viewed

Jesus sees Simon differently (From a son of John to a rock)

Now Peter has to see like Jesus –

In Christ - a new identity/given a new name (Rev 2:17)

New name is a ticket to the eternal celebration

3. (Philip) Spread the truth of Jesus

How are we introduced to Jesus?

It takes initiative on someone's part

What was Philip like? (John 6:4-7, 12:20-23, 14:6-11)

“a little out of his depth” like us(1 Cor 1:26-27)

4. (Nathanael) Surrendering to Jesus

He has High expectations of the Messiah (46)

He is a true Israelite in whom is no deceit (47)

Jacob went from manipulator to one who clings to God

He is found under the fig tree (48)

Seeking the scriptures and praying

He responds with surrender (49)

5. You will see

All who believe will see the fulfillment of Jacob's dream

(Gen 28:10-17) Jesus is the ladder, the gate of heaven

Jesus' movement is not about a principle but a person

Discussion

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Questions to get started

- 1.) Who is someone you like to stay with? Where does this most often take you?
- 2.) What person was influential in attracting you to Jesus?
- 3.) What is something that impacted you from Sunday's sermon? – “Igniting A Movement”

Read John 1:35-51

Questions

- 1.) What motivated the first disciples to follow Jesus?
- 2.) What do you see in each of these disciples that reveals what it means to follow Jesus? Andrew, Peter, Philip, Nathanael
- 3.) Where did Jesus spend most of his time (Luke 5:16, Matt 4:23-25) What are the implications for his followers?
- 4.) What is the significance of Simon's name change (42)?
- 5.) Philip says “come and see” to Nathanael which are the same words Jesus spoke to Andrew in vs 39. How is this a key part of kingdom movement?
- 6.) What can we know about Nathanael from vs 44-49?
- 7.) Read Gen 28:10-17. How is Jesus a fulfillment of this?
- 8.) What is the significance of Nathanael calling Jesus the King of Israel? Consider vs 47
- 9.) How many different titles are attributed to Jesus in this passage? What does this tell us about the nature of this Kingdom movement?

Application

- 1.) Which of these four disciples do you identify with?
- 2.) When it comes to staying with Jesus, Seeing like Jesus, Spreading the truth of Jesus, or Surrendering all to Jesus, which do you need to focus more on?
- 3.) What is one way you can practically be on the move with Jesus this week?

Pray: Pray that God will ignite in us a passion for him and help us see every day divine appointments where we can advance the Kingdom of God and exalt Jesus.