

1. Have you ever faced pressure to act outside of your gifting or personality? In what context(s)? What was the outcome?
2. Read John 1:35–39. Why does Jesus turn to the disciples and ask them what they are seeking? Why is it important for us to be clear on what we want from Jesus? Based on what we read, how might we assume the two disciples were influenced by Jesus during their time with him?
3. Read John 1:40–41. What is Andrew’s first inclination once he spent time with Jesus? How does this fit with his personality and gifting (see also John 6:8–9; 12:20–22)?
4. Read John 1:42. What do we know about Peter from the rest of the New Testament (i.e., Acts 2) that makes him different from the others represented in this text?
5. Read John 1:43–45. How does the rest of John’s gospel portray Philip (6:7; 12:21–22; 14:8–9)? Why is it significant that a guy like him is part of Jesus’ inner circle?
6. Read John 1:46–50. Describe Jesus’ interaction with Nathanael. How does Jesus commend Nathanael? Why?
7. Read John 1:51. How does the reference to Jacob’s Ladder invite his listeners to think about their relationship with him?
8. With which of these individuals do you most readily identify? How does that encourage you in your own desire to be with and be sent by Jesus? In what ways can you live out of your God-given personality this week to be sent by Jesus as his witness to those in your sphere of influence?