

Marinating in God's Word: John 1:35-42

To meet Jesus is to be changed. So it was in the gospels, and so it is in our lives.

For further reflection on your own or in a small group, consider these questions:

- When we think of Jesus calling his disciples, our minds usually go to the “follow me” stories (Mark 1:16-20, and parallels). But John here tells about another part of the relationship formation. Which story do you think happened first? Why?
- Was your calling to follow Jesus a singular moment or a process?
- As you observe non-believers around you, what do you think they most deeply want? Where do they seek to find what they want?
- As a disciple of Jesus, describe how your desires changed over time. What kind of events impacted those desires? (e.g., mission trips, a revival, meeting someone, etc.)
- Andrew is often seen as the patron saint of evangelism. Why? What can we learn about evangelism in our day from Andrew?
- Cephas was the Aramaic for the Greek word Petros (v. 42). Both meant rock. It has come into English as Peter. Why do you suppose Jesus re-named Simon as Peter? If Jesus were to give you a nickname now, what do you imagine it would be?