Disciple Tip to Jesus	a #1: Jesus' people are to	
Disciple Tip Jesus	#2: Jesus' people are intended to	with
Disciple Tip	o #3: God wants to participate in H	lis rescue plan
Disciple Tip economy	#4: Doubts are not	in God's
	o #5: Remember, Jesus is God's _ to reconcile & restore His creation	

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Spend 10 minutes this week asking God how you can cultivate a believing response to foster a thriving life in Christ. Likewise, take 5 minutes to pray through how you might share the hope of new life in Jesus with others. Write down your thoughts, pray that God would empower you, and put these items into practice.

**NEXT WEEK:** Adoption & Foster Care Sunday | Selected Scriptures



# Jesus and His First Followers

John 1:35-51 Sunday, October 30, 2022 Bret Martin, Five Cities Campus Pastor

Jesus' words "follow me" are an open invitation to a thriving life in Christ. Today's message highlights 3 aspects of a believing response to Jesus in light of who Jesus is, what He came to do, and what He's calling us to.

Big Picture:			
God invites us to	and new life in Jesus		
Jesus calls for an	response (vv. 35-37)		
Jesus calls for a	response (vv. 38-39)		
Jesus calls for a	response (vv. 40-42		



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### **CONNECT** (ask these questions to check-in with your group)

This week's passage reminds us that God invites us to enjoy and share new life in Jesus. Discuss the relationship between enjoying and sharing Jesus.

# **DISCUSS** (use some of these questions to process God's Word together)

1. Glance at the passage and notes from this week's message (John 1:35-51). What were some of your biggest take-aways? Share with each other what the Holy Spirit is teaching you.

2. How does this week's passage (John 1:35-51) connect to John's overall purpose in his Gospel (John 20:30-31)—that you may believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name?

3. What aspect of a believing response to Jesus (immediate, total, reproductive) resonates most with you? Why?

4. Discuss: What, if anything, is preventing you from enjoying and sharing new life in Jesus? What steps might you take to foster a thriving life in Christ — both in enjoying life in Christ and in participating with God in sharing new life in Jesus with others?

5. God has given us life in Jesus to share the life of Jesus with others. Identify the roles, relationships, and responsibilities God has given you. How can you share the good news of Jesus in those areas?

# PRAY (use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)

- Pray that God would grow us in Jesus as we daily answer the call to follow Jesus
- Pray that God would open our eyes to the people in our lives who don't yet know Jesus
- Pray for increased opportunities to share Jesus with those who don't yet know Him
- Thank God for the life He gives in Jesus and for the promise of Jesus' return