



## Come. Follow. Me. Jesus' Invitation of Life

### #1 – Come and See (John 1:35-51)

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#### Jesus's Invitation to the \_\_\_\_\_

1. If Jesus interests or intrigues you, but you have reservations, whether they be theological, emotional, or experiential, about truly "buying in" to this whole Jesus thing, the amazing news for you is that God is specifically \_\_\_\_\_ you. Your curiosity is \_\_\_\_\_.

*"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them."  
– Jesus in John 6:44 (New International Version)*

2. At least two of the men who became disciples of Jesus were disciples of John the Baptist first. A disciple is a student, learner, follower. They were already desiring spiritual guidance and seeking fulfillment but were looking in an initial or \_\_\_\_\_ place. [John himself acknowledged that he was only preparing the way for Jesus – e.g., Matthew 3:11; John 1:15).

*"The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look, the Lamb of God!' When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, 'What do you want?' They said, 'Rabbi' (which means 'Teacher'), 'where are you staying?' 'Come,' he replied, 'and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him."  
– John 1:35-39 (NIV)*

3. John pointed them to Jesus. They then went to Jesus, acknowledging Him as "Teacher," and then went \_\_\_\_\_ Him. Jesus's invitation to you as a seeker: come and see for yourself but take the time and make the effort to truly learn from Jesus as your Teacher.

#### Jesus's Invitation to the \_\_\_\_\_

1. Can a disciple be a skeptic? \_\_\_\_\_! A skeptic is a critical thinker, a questioner, a desirer of deeper and better answers. A skeptic is a doubter, not a disbeliever. Doubt is not a sin, instead, it is often what makes steps of faith (trust) even more courageous and rewarding.
2. Even one of Jesus's very first disciples had some negative \_\_\_\_\_ to overcome.

*"Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' 'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked. 'Come and see,' said Philip."  
– John 1:45-46 (NIV)*

3. Jesus's invitation to the skeptic: come and see but be willing to risk Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ you. Don't make it a mere academic or philosophical exercise. Come authentically, willingly to see what Jesus does.

#### Jesus's Invitation to the \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you believe, or at least think you do, but Jesus just doesn't seem to " \_\_\_\_\_ " for you?
2. Even John the Baptist struggled near the end of his ministry (and life).

*"When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?' Jesus replied, 'Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.'" – Matthew 11:2-6 (NIV)*

3. Jesus's invitation to you who may be struggling: See My work in others and let that be enough for you, \_\_\_\_\_, because I am working within your spirit right now, also (Romans 8). Waiting is a spiritual discipline (James 5:7; Jude 21; 2 Peter 3:11-14).

#### Jesus's Invitation to the \_\_\_\_\_ Disciple

1. Do you feel, faith-wise, you are kind of in a "been there, done that" mode and now are just going through the motions? Praise is still inspiring, Scripture is still convicting, instructive, or encouraging, fellowship is still enjoyable, and you know beyond a doubt you are a child of God, but something is still missing.
2. Jesus's call on our lives to "come and follow" is also a call to "go and do." Integral to Jesus's disciple-making process is that He will make us "fishers of men," which is a metaphor for helping others become \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, too.

*"While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him."  
– Matthew 4:18-22 (English Standard Version)*

3. One thing often missed in our discipleship with Jesus is that faithfulness is incomplete without \_\_\_\_\_.

*"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."  
– John 15:8 (NIV)*

- a. What is the fruit we are to bear as Jesus's disciples? It is not personal spiritual growth or Christlikeness formed within us, that is the fruitful work of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 5:22-23).
- b. Fruitfulness is \_\_\_\_\_ others in such a way (word & deed) that they, too, want to "come and see" Jesus for themselves.