

C. The Gospel and bringing people to faith in Jesus. (50-51)

The Word Became Flesh (5)
How the Gospel Spreads and Bears Fruit Everywhere
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Text: John 1:35-51

Introduction: How the Gospel Bears Fruit and (the) Faith Grows

LIVE THE STORY

*The Gospel is intended to be learned and lived in community.
The following questions are designed for use in our Community Groups as an
aid to growth in the Gospel and Community.*

- What are the ways we see the message of Jesus spread in our text?
- Why do you think John is interested in showing the Gospel spreading activities of these first disciples?
- How do the methods of testimony of Andrew or Philip compare to those of John the Baptist? (Both similarities and differences.)
- If in your desire to follow Jesus, He were to ask you, “What do you want?” What can we learn from Andrew and the unnamed disciple?
- Which of these disciples models a form of evangelism which fits with your current level of knowledge or gifting? How might their example encourage you to testify about Jesus? To whom?
- What are some of the ways we can bring someone to Jesus today so they too might see him?
- What does Jesus pronouncement at the end of the chapter tell us about how people can hear the message of God today?

I. Gospel Proclamation (35-39)

A. Behold the Lamb of God (35-37)

B. What do you want? (38-39)

- i. This question divides all would be disciples. (cr. rf. Philippians 1:17)
- ii. How will Andrew and the other disciple answer?
 - a) Their question reveals what they want.
 - b) What they want is to be about His business.
- iii. They spent the day with Jesus.

C. Why were Andrew and the other disciple transformed?

D. Philip, a new disciple, becomes a light. (45-46)

i. Being a light, or testifying to *the* Light, is not as difficult as we might suppose.

II. Personal Testimony & Invitation (1:40-46)

A. Andrew and the other disciple are witnesses. (40-42)

i. He relates his experience and brings him to Jesus.

ii. How effective is this method of evangelism?

B. What did Andrew do first?

C. What happens next? (43-44)

NASB: *The next day He purposed to go into Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow Me."*

i. "He" in these verses can very easily be Jesus.

ii. DA Carson makes a reasonable case that the "he" is Andrew who first found his brother Simon, and then the next day went to Galilee and found Philip.

iii. Jesus merely says, "Follow me."

ii. Philip and Nathanael may bust our image of what the first disciples were like.

III. Come and See for Yourself (47-51)

A. The Gospel is not a one size fits all kind of presentation. (47-49)

B. I saw you while you were still under the fig tree.

i. "How do you know me?"

ii. How does He know Nathanael?