

Bible Study 4 – Calling of the first disciples – John 1:35-42

In the late 80s, the band U2 topped the charts with a song that speaks of the uncertainty of the journey and the nature of searching in, “I still haven’t found what I’m looking for”. The lyrics speak of climbing the highest mountains, running through the fields, scaling city walls, and more, “only to be with you”. The song takes us on a journey, while at the same time indicating that there must be something more than the literal path that they are on. Ultimately, satisfaction will not be found in this world. It must come from something else, or perhaps from someone else. We might imagine this is the song of the disciples at the beginning, searching and longing for something they can’t seem to find. We will see from their quest that our core purpose might be to seek out a relationship with God.

The context	John was a disciple of Jesus and an eyewitness of Jesus’ ministry. The purpose of the book is “that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name” (Jn. 20:31). It deals with Christ’s public ministry (Ch. 1-12), private ministry (13-17), suffering & death (18-19), & victory over death (20-21). John begins with the incarnation & deity of Christ. Then there is John’s testimony & the calling of the first disciples.
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PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words – John 1:35-42

Relinquishing power (v.35-37)	
Question (v.38)	
Invitation (v.39)	
Sharing the message (v.40-42)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What I learnt about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit.

2. What I learnt about people like us.

3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what are the most important biblical principles being taught?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. How did the Jews describe Jesus (v.36, 38, 41). How can we describe Jesus?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Let’s recognise that Jesus is the Christ & follow Him & tells others about Him.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

