

# John 1 (pt 3) -The Beginning of the Jesus People Movement

## The first followers of Jesus Christ

Joh 1:35-51 ESV The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "**Behold, the Lamb of God!**" 37 The **two disciples heard him** say this, and **they followed Jesus**.

- Someone who **KNEW** Jesus
- Someone **SAID** something about him - "Behold, the Lamb of God!"
- Someone **HEARD** what was said
- Someone chose to **FOLLOW JESUS**

## In its simplest form this is what evangelism is - preaching, hearing and believing

- Rom 10:13-15 ESV For "**everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**" 14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not **believed**? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never **heard**? And how are they to hear without someone **preaching**? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are **sent**? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

## The interaction between Jesus and His followers

38 Jesus turned and **saw them following** and said to them, "**What are you seeking?**" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means **Teacher**), "**where are you staying?**" 39 He said to them, "**Come and you will see.**" So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

## He saw them following --- What Are You Seeking?

### (Jesus is interested in this)

- Jn 6 - you follow me because I gave you bread to eat

### Their answer

- They called him TEACHER (good attitude)
- They wanted to BE WITH HIM -- didn't want to lose touch -- Where are you staying?

**WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?** - Are you following because of surrender, or are you an opportunist (wonder what Jesus will do for me) -- What is it you are trying to gain from following Jesus?

- Luk 9:57-62 ESV As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "**I will follow you** wherever you go." 58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but **the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.**" 59 To another he said, "**Follow me.**" But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." 60 And Jesus said to him, "**Leave the dead to bury their own dead.** But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." 61 Yet another said, "**I will follow you**, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." 62 Jesus said to him, "**No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit** for the kingdom of God."
  - No promises about earthly comfort - we don't follow because of what we can get
  - New priorities in life - you proclaim the kingdom of God - Our life is redirected
  - Never dying commitment - It is a decision for life "**I tried Jesus**"

40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 **He first found his own brother Simon** and said to him, "**We have found the Messiah**" (which means Christ). 42 **He brought him to Jesus**. Jesus looked at him and said, "**You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas**" (which means Peter).

- One of the two who HEARD and FOLLOWED was Andrew
- He recognized Jesus as Messiah

#### The OIKOS principle

- He first FOUND his own brother Simon Peter
- He BROUGHT him to Jesus - **this is our task...He will take it from there**
- Jesus took it from there - Jesus showed Peter **He knew him, his name and his purpose** - a rock

#### The call to "Follow Me"

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. **He found Philip** and said to him, "**Follow me.**" 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 **Philip found Nathanael** and said to him, "**We have found** him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." 46 Nathanael said to him, "**Can anything good come out of Nazareth?**" Philip said to him, "**Come and see.**" 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "**Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!**" 48 Nathanael said to him, "**How do you know me?**" Jesus answered him, "**Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.**" 49 Nathanael answered him, "**Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!**" 50 Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." 51 And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

#### Jesus FOUND Philip

- "**Follow Me**" is the **simplest** yet **most comprehensive** call to Christianity

#### Philip found Nathanael - "We have FOUND HIM" - again understanding He is Messiah

- **Nathanael was skeptical** - Can anything good come out of Nazareth?
- Answer was "**Come and See**" - **let Jesus speak for Himself**
- Jesus knew Nathanael, just as He knew Peter -- "**How Do You Know Me?**"
  - **BEFORE Philip called you, I saw you**

#### It was the interaction between Jesus and these men that convinced them that He was Messiah

- **Nathanael recognized him as the Son of God, the King of Israel**

#### OIKOS in Other Scriptures

- Acts 16:13-16 On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. **We sat down and began to speak** to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. **The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptized**, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

- Who was baptized?
- Greek word is Oikos

### The Power of Your Testimony around Those You Know

- Luke 8:38-39 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "**Return [home] OIKOS and tell how much God has done for you.**" So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

### Family, Friends & Associates

- Mar 2:14-17 NIV As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the **tax collector's** booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. 15 **While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him** and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. 16 When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."
- Joh 4:50-53 NIV "Go," Jesus replied, "your son will live." The man took Jesus at his word and departed. 51 While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. 52 When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him." 53 Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." **So he and his whole household [OIKOS] believed.**
- Act 10:24 NIV The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his **relatives and close friends**.....Act 10:44 NIV While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on **all who heard the message.**
- Act 18:7-8 NIV Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. 8 Crispus, the synagogue leader, and **his entire household [OIKOS] believed** in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.
- 1Co 1:16 NIV (Yes, I also baptized the **household [OIKOS]** of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.)

### Summary:

Evangelism is a simple process that points people to Jesus  
 FIND SOMEONE (Oikos) and tell them what you know (over 70% of people come to Christ this way) - invite them to "**come and see**"  
 Let Jesus do the rest  
 Jesus knows your friend intimately and will tell him what he knows "**How do you know me?**"

