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New Relationship
John 1:43-51

What relationships have transformed your life?

A relationship with Jesus transforms:

I. How you know _____

John 1:43-44 *The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." 44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.*

- Rabbi –
- Disciple --

II. How you know _____

John 1:45-46 *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." 46 "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.*

- Nazareth --

III. How _____

John 1:47-51 *When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." 48 "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." 49 Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." 50 Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." 51 He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."*

- Fig tree --

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



1. How have you known God? As an angry old man? A distant creator? A parent you can never please? A figment of someone's imagination? A loving Father?
2. If you could know God by listening to Jesus and watching what he does, what are some of the big questions it might answer about who God is and what he thinks of other people-- and you specifically?
3. How do you know people? As problems? As an unavoidable group project? As fellow travelers and teammates?
4. Who in your life has impacted your faith journey? How could your current relationships be pivotal for others to draw closer to God?
5. How does what you know about yourself impact how you think God sees you? How are you really known by God?
6. What relationship—with God, with yourself, with someone else—do you desire Jesus to transform this new year?

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