

# Come and See

## John 1 v 35-46

### Context:

We started this month's mini-series being reminded of the Great Commission – the imperative to go and make disciples of all nations – and we have explored different biblical ways of doing that. These have included meeting people's 'felt needs', either by miraculous or natural means, as a door to then sharing the good news about Jesus; and also the importance of always being prepared to gently and respectfully give a reason for our hope if someone asks us. In today's study we see yet another model, which even those Christians who feel unable to share their faith explicitly, can try without too much risk and fear. Let's explore the 'Come and See' approach to evangelism as join some of John the Baptist's disciples by the River Jordan.

### Observation:

1. Who is mentioned in v 35?
2. Who did John see and what did he say in v 36?
3. What did the two disciples do when they heard what John said (v 37)?
4. What did Jesus ask them in v 38 and what was their reply?
5. How did Jesus respond in v 39a and what did the disciples do as a consequence?
6. Who is named in v 40 as one of the two disciples of John who followed Jesus?
7. What was the first thing he did after spending the day with Jesus (v 41-42a)?
8. What did Jesus say to Peter in v 42b?
9. Who did Jesus find in v 43 and what did he tell him?
10. Where was he from according to v 44?
11. What did he do in v 45?
12. What was the reaction in v 46a and how did Philip respond in v 46b?

### Meaning:

1. What do you think John meant by his title for Jesus in v 36 and how did Jesus fulfil that title?
2. Jesus is the first in this passage to use the words 'Come and see' (v 39). What was he inviting them to do and what impact did it have on them?
3. What can we learn from Andrew's example about the importance and urgency of helping people to find their way to Jesus (v 40-42a)?
4. Why do you think Jesus changed Simon's name (v 42) and how did he live out this new name in the rest of his life?
5. Philip is the other person in this passage who uses the words 'Come and see' (v 46b). To what extent might this be a useful and effective evangelistic approach for us today? What are the advantaged and disadvantages of using this model?

**Application:**

1. How would you evaluate the different models of evangelism we see in this passage:
  - a. John the Baptist points people to Jesus as the Lamb of God (v 36-37)
  - b. Jesus invites two men to come and see (v 39)
  - c. Andrew tells his brother he has found the Messiah and brought him to meet Jesus (v 40-41)
  - d. Philip tells Nathanael he has found the one Moses and the prophets wrote about and invites him to come and see (v 45-46)

**Pray:**

- Thank God for the person/s who introduced you to Jesus.
- Pray for grace to do the same for others.