

Talking with Friends about Jesus (John 1:35-51)

Change Your World – Part 8
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2 Timothy 1:8 (NIV) So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God,

Acts 4:29 (NIV) Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

Acts 1:8 (NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

1. Point others to _____

John 1:35-37 (NIV) The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

2. _____ others to come and see

John 1:38-39 (NIV) Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him.

3. _____ others to Jesus

John 1:40-42a (NIV) Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.

4. _____ others how great Jesus is

John 1:43-45 (NIV) The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. 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."

John 1:46 (NIV) "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

John 1:49 (NIV) Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."

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Study Guide

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Intro. How easy do you find talking with friends about Jesus is? Why?

What are reasons talking to friends about Jesus may be difficult for some?

How does 2 Timothy 1:8 encourage you to talk to others about Jesus?

What do Acts 1:28 and Acts 4:29 tell you about the early church believers? How could you apply their example to your life?

1A. How did John the Baptist point his disciples to Jesus (John 1:35-37)?

1B. How did John the Baptist's attitude about Jesus provide an example for us in talking to others about Jesus (John 3:30)?

1C. Why do you think people would rather talk about God than Jesus? Why is it important to point people to Jesus?

2A. Why did Jesus not answer the question of those following Him in John 1:38-39? What did He accomplish with His response?

2B. In what ways is it encouraging that you do not have to answer every question when talking to others about Jesus?

2C. Since Jesus is no longer physically on this earth, how can we invite others to come and see what Jesus is all about?

3A. What principles can we learn from Andrew's behavior when he began to follow Jesus (John 1:40-42)?

3B. Why do you think we are often too passive in bringing friends to come and see who Jesus is? In what ways has God uniquely prepared you to bring your friends and relatives to Jesus?

4A. How did Philip tell his friend Nathanael how great Jesus was (John 1:43-45)?

4B. What can you learn from Philip's answer to Nathanael's skeptical question (John 1:46)? How did Philip's approach work out (John 1:49)?

4C. What great things about who Jesus is and what He has done can you get excited to talk to others about?