

### Bible Study 3 – Responding to the call – John 1:35-51

*This is election year in USA and Australia. Political drums are already beating. Already banners are beginning to fly, and the politicians are beginning to spout as we head toward the day when we choose our leaders for the next four years. What a contrast with this passage from the Gospel of John. Here Jesus chooses the men who will change the course of world history for over 2,000 years. What a difference!*

<b>The context</b>	The gospel of John has a different content to Matthew, Mark and Luke. John has no parables, but focuses on the signs of Jesus' identity (8 key miracles) and on lengthy theological discourses. John begins with a summary of Christ's life on earth (1:1-18). Then John the Baptist denies that he is the Messiah (1:19-28) and on the next day he says that Jesus Christ is the Jewish Messiah (1:29-34). Then it describes Christ's ministry beginning with the call of the disciples.
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#### ***PART 1 Read and summarise each section – John 1:35-51***

Andrew, John and Peter's call (v.35-42)	
Philip's call (v.43-45)	
Nathanael's call (v.46-51)	

#### ***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. If we are "God's chosen people", how are we like the disciples? Colossians 3:12; 1 Peter 2:9***

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

Jesus chose ordinary men to be His disciples. He knew what they were like, where to put them, and how to use them. Let's trust Him to do that for us as well.



## 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 talk to about this passage of the Bible?

## Prayer

**Date:**

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you.

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?

