

Bible Study 5 – More disciples are called – John 1:43-51

The “Australian Skeptics” say that skeptics assess claims of the paranormal, but always with the understanding that extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence. It is largely up to the claimants to provide such evidence. If someone tells you they can fly, skeptics would respond “Show me ... but under controlled conditions which rule out any chance of fakery or mistaken understanding”. They claim to use critical thinking and reject religious or philosophical beliefs that often involve fear or ignorance. Today we will read about someone who was sceptical about Jesus.

The context	John was a disciple of Jesus and an eyewitness of Jesus’ ministry. The purpose of the book is “that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name” (Jn. 20:31). It deals with Christ’s public ministry (Ch. 1-12), private ministry (13-17), suffering & death (18-19), & victory over death (20-21). John begins with the incarnation & deity of Christ. Then there is John’s testimony & the calling of the first disciples.
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PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words – John 1:43-51

Philip called (v.43-44)	
Nathanael told (v.45-46)	
Conversation (v.47-50a)	
Promise (v.50b-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. Nathanael recognized who Jesus was (v.49). How can people recognize Jesus today?

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

A follower of Jesus tells others about Him and isn’t discouraged by a negative response.



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 tell about this Bible passage?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

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?

