Digging Deeper: John 1:35–51 Written by Rob Reynolds (elder)

Day 1

Read through and pray over John 1:35-51.

John 1:35–36 – Upon seeing Jesus again, John the Baptist repeats the statement "Behold the Lamb of God" (v. 36). This was clearly a point of emphasis. Look back to John 1:29, Genesis 22:8, and 1 Peter 1:19–20. Read over the Passover in Exodus 12. Have you recognized Jesus as your sacrificial lamb without spot or blemish whose blood poured out so that you may see God?

Day 2

John 1:37–39 – The disciples heard John the Baptist and began to follow Jesus. Jesus asked the disciples what are you seeking. As you follow Jesus, what are you seeking? Is it security, money, status, success, happiness? Take time to pray and consider what or whom are you seeking.

Day 3

John 1:40–42 – The disciples were seeking the Messiah. Read 2 Samuel 7:12–13, Isaiah 42:1, Hosea 11:1, and Micah 5:2. The first things Andrew did upon finding Jesus, the Messiah, was tell his brother and bring him to Jesus (v 41). Pray about and consider who is your brother/sister or friend that you can run to and tell that you have found the Messiah.

Day 4

John 1:43 – Jesus finds Philip and tells him to follow me. Read Mark 8:34. What does it mean to deny yourself and take up your cross? Read John 8:12, Psalm 119:133, 1 Peter 2:21, Deuteronomy 5:33, and 13:4. Consider what it means to follow Christ and how might you align yourself accordingly.

Day 5

John 1:44–46 – Nathaniel begins to doubt Jesus is the Messiah. How does Philip respond to Nathaniel's doubt? How does Philip's response align with Jesus' words in v.39? Take time today and think of the blessings and miracles you have seen as you follow Jesus. Thank him for giving you vision to see his blessings and the faith to know greater things you will see.

Day 6

John 1:51 – Read Genesis 28:12 and Matthew 3:16. What does Jesus mean when he declares you will see the heavens open and angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man? Reflect on how seeing is believing (v.46–49) and believing is seeing (v.50–51). Consider now the access we have to God that was opened through Jesus.