

A person is shown from the chest up, holding up three large, glowing letters that spell out the word "NEW". The letters are illuminated from within, creating a bright, ethereal glow. The person's arms are extended horizontally, supporting the letters. The background is dark and slightly textured, possibly a night sky or a dark studio setting.

New Followers

John 1:35-51

*These questions are provided to lead the group in **applying** the teaching from Sunday. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in being a doer of God's Word. Challenge each other and be vulnerable as God works IN and THROUGH you together.*

1. Who has God placed on your heart to invite to The Table (1-Year Rally)? Have you had any table meetings (Church? Community? Cultures?)? If so, how's it going?
2. Share about a time when you were really excited about something and couldn't stop telling others about it (a restaurant, movie, product, etc.). What made you talk about it so naturally and easily?
3. Natural sharing is the instinct that is at the heart of discipleship. How can this kind of excitement be transferred to sharing about Jesus? Why is it sometimes hard to talk openly about Jesus with others?
4. Read John 1:35-51. What stands out to you in this passage? What repeated words or themes do you notice? (e.g., follow, come, see, found, bring, titles of Jesus, etc.) Who are the key people, and what do they do?
5. In verses 35-38, what question did Jesus ask them and why do you think he asked this question first? What was their response? What are people today most commonly seeking? What are you personally seeking right now?
6. In verses 38-39, what does Jesus tell them and what do they do? The word "staying" is commonly used by John to describe "abiding" in Jesus. What does it practically look like to "stay with" and "abide in Jesus" in everyday life? What tends to distract or pull you away from time with him? When during your day are you most open to meeting with Jesus?
7. Right now, who or what is discipling and forming you the most? Jesus or other things?
8. In verses 40-50, describe the natural progression of events. Who drew each of these people to Jesus? Which encounter impressed you the most and why? What do these evangelism encounters convey about not needing to have all the answers or how to avoid debates and arguments when sharing your faith? How does this passage address the common misconception that Christians must first learn a lot of information before they can share their faith? How do these accounts challenge you? How could you use "come and see" in sharing with a person in your life?
9. In verse 51, Jesus refers to the Genesis 28 account of Jacob's ladder, where angels were descending and ascending back-and-forth from heaven to earth. Why is this important to remember as a disciple of Jesus? How does it tie into the New Presence of Jesus in John 1:1-18? See Mark 1:15, Luke 17:21, and Matthew 6:9-10, 33. How can you demonstrate and declare the kingdom of God this week?
10. How can this group pray for you and our church this week? Pray for people to invite to your Church Table, Community Table, and Cultural Table.