

## **Discussion & Reflection Questions**

### **Epiphany 2A - 14th of January 2024**

#### **Reading: John 1.43-51**

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

#### **Discussion & Reflection Questions**

1. Have you ever felt like you had a calling?
2. Do you consider being a disciple of Jesus is your calling?
3. What significance do you think the invitation "Come & See" has in this encounter? How could this approach impact our interaction with God & with others?
4. John's gospel records this phrase being used a number of times throughout. If you have the time, explore the other times you find it used & see if there's a connection you can find.
5. If you come & see, you might find something. What did Phillip find? What impact did it have on Nathanael to realise that he was found by Jesus? What have you found in your faith journey? Have you every had the sense that you have been found & known by God or by others?
6. Jesus points Nathanael to greater things. Do you believe that there is something greater that we can be expecting? Has God ever surprised you in your journey?
7. What does being a disciple of Jesus mean to you? What have you learnt as a disciple that could be for the benefit of others?

**Prayer**

Eternal God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, is now exalted as Lord of all, and pours out his gifts upon the Church: grant it that unity which only your Spirit can give, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.