

GBC Discipleship RESOURCE



FOLLOWING JESUS IN JOHN'S GOSPEL

Week One | The Invitation

For a brief overview of why (and how) to engage in each of these practices, you can read the [Guideline For Growing](https://www.gymeabaptist.org.au/growing/pages/guideline-for-growing) on our website.

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OVERVIEW

John 1:35-42 contains the first reference in the gospel to “following” Jesus. While there is lots to draw out of this passage there are two primary aspects we want to focus on in this discipleship menu: the role of invitation and the importance of spending time with Jesus. The first disciples – Andrew and John – begin following Jesus because of John the Baptist’s invitation to do so and the first thing that Andrew does after spending time with Jesus is to invite his brother Simon to follow Jesus too and brings him to Jesus to be with him. This week we want to spend time with Jesus and consider who has invited us to follow Jesus and who we might encourage to do the same.

1. PASSAGES TO MEDITATE ON

As you read these Scriptures on spending time with the Lord, take a moment and invite him to be present as you do.

- Mark 1:35-39
- Deuteronomy 6:2-9
- Psalm 1:1-3
- Psalm 119:9-16
- Matthew 6:5-15

2. JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- Who has invited you to follow Jesus? What was the nature of that invitation (e.g., to read the Bible, to attend an event, to have a conversation)? How did their invitation contribute to your journey with Jesus? What made their invitation compelling (e.g., why did you take it up?)
- Who continues to invite you to follow Jesus? What is the nature of that invitation? How does their invitation contribute to your discipleship? What makes their invitation compelling?
- Who can you invite to follow Jesus? What kind of invitation can you give? How can you make the invitation compelling?

3. PRAYER THEME

The invitation to follow Jesus

- Give thanks for those who have played a part in inviting you to continue to follow Jesus.
- Ask for insight into how you can invite others to follow Jesus (e.g., children, grandchildren, colleagues, neighbours)

4. A TEXT TO INTERNALISE

Psalm 5:3