

## Invitation Into the Family of God

**Kingdom value or skill you hope to see developed:** Community building

**Who this is for:** Everyone

**Desired impact on disciples:** Grow in appreciation for others in community

**Desired impact on campus/home/others:** Witnessing communities on campus

### Hear the word

John 1:35-51

Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked along, and said, "Look! The Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. And Jesus turned and saw them following him, and asked them, "What do you want?"

They answered him, "Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first looked for and found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means the Christ). Andrew brought Simon to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas (which is translated Peter)."

The next day Jesus decided to go into Galilee, and he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote about—Jesus from Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

Nathanael answered him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip replied, "Come and see."

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, and said of him, "Here is an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile nor deceit nor duplicity!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you, when you were still under the fig tree, I saw you."

Nathanael answered, "Rabbi (Teacher), you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."

Jesus replied, "Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than this." Then he said to him, "I assure you and most solemnly say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

### Respond actively

How are you taking time to know people and invite them to take their place in your community/family? Here is an action step:

- Do something that creates a family environment (e.g., invite someone to eat a meal with you; invite people to watch a movie or tv show with you)

### Debrief and Interpret

- Did you follow through with the action step? If not, what were the obstacles that prevented you from doing so?
- Who did you invite? What did you do?
- How would you describe the experience? Could you do this again and invite others to do this with you?
- What is something new you learned about this new friend/friends?

- What do you think Jesus is doing in all of this?
- What is your next step in helping them find their place in your family? Is there any one else in the family of God you would like to introduce them to?

**Expand the influence**

Invite them to the next IV activity