



Jesus' First Disciples

John 1:43-51

GATHERING

- **Opening Prayer**
- **Evening Song "Put Your Hand in the Hand"**
 - Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water.
 - Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea.
 - Take a look at yourself and you can look at others differently
 - By putting your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee.
- **Hear the Story...**

READING

- **Read Text aloud [standing, sitting, walking – but don't go far away]**
- **Re-read silently and consider the questions that follow...**

RESPONDING

- **Why does Jesus go into the Galilee?**
- **Who are the first disciples in this story?**
- **What is the significance of Nazareth?**
- **What is the vision that Jesus describes?**

SHARING

- **Did you have an adult mentor as a guide when you were a youth?**
- **Have you ever been in the minority of a community?**

CLOSING

- **Grace/Benediction**

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43 The next day, after Jesus had decided to leave for Galilee,
he met Philip and said,
“Follow me.”

44 Philip came from Bethsaida,
the same town as Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip sought out Nathanael and said to him,
“We’ve found the One that Moses spoke of in the Law,
the One about whom the prophets wrote:
Jesus of Nazareth, son of Mary and Joseph.”

46 “From Nazareth?” said Nathanael.
“Can anything good come from Nazareth?”

“Come and see,” replied Philip.

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he remarked,
“This one is a real Israelite.
There is no guile in him.”

48 “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked him.

Jesus answered,

“Before Philip even went to call you,
while you were sitting under the fig tree, I saw you.”

49 “Rabbi,” said Nathanael,
“you’re God’s Own; you’re the ruler of Israel!”

50 Jesus said,
“Do you believe just because I told you
I saw you under the fig tree?
You’ll see much greater things than that.”

51 Jesus went on to tell them,
“The truth of the matter is, you will see heaven opened,
and the angels of God ascending and descending
upon the Chosen One.”