

"I Saw You!" ...John 1:35-51

"Nathanael asked Him, "How do you know me?" Jesus replied, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ...John 1:48 (ESV)

1. "What are You Seeking?"... Every Man's Quest!

- **Iohn 1:37-39**, Matthew 6:25-33
- Aiming at the Wrong Target...
- Every Man's Quest...Understanding your Value and Purpose!
- Strength Through Surrender...Discovering what Matters Most!

2. Introducing People to Jesus...a Natural Response!

- **Iohn 1:40-51**, 1Peter3:15
 - Who is there in your life that hasn't met Jesus? ... 1Peter 3:15
 - The Christian is a person who ______ ___ ___ for others to believe in God! (Robert Murray M'Cheyne)

3. A New Identity...

- **John 1:42**, Romans 6:1-4, Galatians 4:4-7, Romans 8:13-16, 1Peter 1:13-23
 - You are no longer a _____ _____. You are a ______ ____ ___ ! (Galatians 4:4-7, Romans 8:13-16)

.....so _____! (1Peter 1:13-23)

4. "I SawYou!"...Jesus never turns His face from us!

John 1:43-51, Deuteronomy 31:6, Joshua 1:5, Joshua 1:9, John 14:27, Lamentations 3:21-26

- 1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? ...be descriptive
- **2.** As we see with Andrew in <u>John 1:40-41</u>, and then with Philip in <u>John 1:45-46</u>, introducing people to Jesus is a natural response to our own excitement of knowing Him and discovering our own <u>identity</u>, <u>value</u>, <u>and purpose</u> through Him... and note that Philip was not discouraged by Nathanael's initial doubt, but simply invited him to "Come and See"!
- Can you identify just one person in your life who you care about and who has not met the Lord Jesus? How can you introduce them to the Lord?

Name:	_
How can I practically invite	to "Come and See" the Lord?

- **3.** In tonight's video clips, we were given a glimpse at how the dialog between Nathanael and Jesus might have looked. The important thing to understand is that Nathanael, like all of us, was going through difficult life circumstances and had his own preconceived ideas about things, when the Lord Jesus reached through all of that to let him know He truly "saw him and had never turned His face from him", even though he may have felt that way during various times in his life. The impact of knowing God was watching over him all along clearly prepared his heart for a great transformation and commitment to follow the Lord!
- ...READ the story together in *John 1:43-51*, to see how the conversation went...
 - •What stands out to you regarding Jesus' interaction with Nathanael?
- **4.** Share with your Group of a time you have wondered if God see's you or is aware of the hardships and struggles you are going through?
 - How does God reveal Himself to you during those times, and how does He show you that "He see's you and does not turn His face from you"?
- **5.** What did you glean from tonight's study which helps you to know, no matter the circumstance the Lord Jesus loves you, see's you, and will never leave you?
- What effect does knowing Jesus will never leave you or forsake you have on your life today?

READ <u>Deuteronomy 31:6</u>, <u>Joshua 1:5</u>, <u>Joshua 1:9</u>, <u>John 14:27</u>, <u>Lamentations 3:21-26</u> for more...

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the 5 **Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life? Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (Relationship)
- God's Word (Knowledge and Understanding)
- Worship (Adoration)
- Fellowship (Encouragement and Accountability)
- Service (Caring for Others, Action to your Belief)