

## You Never Know what God Might Do! Dr. Bill Jones

*Use this guide by yourself, with a friend, or in a group to help you pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus this week!*

### Open

In today's message, Dr. Bill Jones, the Chancellor of Columbia International University, shows us how Jesus' first two disciples immediately shared their decision to follow Him with others - and in so doing invited those men to become a part of God's Kingdom work far beyond anything they could have ever expected. As Dr. Jones shows us, we have the same opportunity for God to do something amazing through us today if we'll choose to tell the people around us about Jesus. So to get your group started let everyone answer - when they find out good news, who are the first three people they share it with? Let them give examples if they can.

### BIG THOUGHT

When we share about Jesus with the people around us, we have no idea how God will use our testimony to help those people find Him.

1. Andrew, the first disciple Jesus called, was previously a part of John the Baptist's ministry. Read Matthew 3:1-12 to learn about John. Where did he spend his time? (v. 1) What was John's opinion of the religious leaders? (v. 7) What was his message? (v. 2-3, 8-10, 11-12) What does it tell us about Andrew that he committed himself to be a part of what John was doing?
2. Now read John 1:35-39. What do you think John meant in v. 36? How did his disciples respond? (v. 37) What do you think Jesus was really asking in v. 38-39? How would you have felt if you watched two of your disciples leave to follow Jesus?
3. Read v. 40-42. What does Andrew do? Why do you think Andrew reached the conclusion he did about Jesus? (v. 41) What does Jesus say when He meets Simon? (v. 42) How do you think Andrew felt when He heard Jesus affirm his brother? Have you ever helped someone connect with Jesus for themselves? What happened?
4. Now read v. 43-45. Why does Philip start following Jesus? (v. 43) How does Philip know Andrew and Peter? (v. 44) Who does Philip tell about Jesus? (v. 45) How does Nathanael respond? What challenge does Philip give to Nathanael? (v. 46) Do you think this is still an effective response to skeptics today?
5. Read v. 47-51. What does Jesus say to Nathanael? And what does this tell us about Nathanael? (v. 47-48) What convinces Nathanael to follow Jesus? (v. 49) What does Jesus promise that he will get to see? (v. 50-51)
6. Jesus Himself gives an illustration to help us understand the way God is expanding His kingdom in Mark 4:30-32. What does Jesus point out about the size of a mustard seed? (v. 31) What happens when it grows? (v. 32) How should this encourage us when we feel like we're too insignificant for God to ever use in growing His kingdom? Explain your thoughts to the group.

### Take it Further

Talk with God and thank Him that none of us are too insignificant or "small" for Him to use - then ask Him to use you to grow His kingdom!

### Daily Readings

Day 1: John 4:35

Day 2: 2 Timothy 1:8

Day 3: 1 Corinthians 9:22

Day 4: Matthew 28:19

Day 5: Romans 1:16

Day 6: 2 Corinthians 5:20

Memory Verse: Mark 4:32



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