
We Meet God | January 25, 2026 | Luke Dahlenburg

BIBLE READING

John 1:35-51 (NIV)

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." ⁴⁸ "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." ⁵⁰ Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." ⁵¹ He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

OUTLINE

Jesus' Question: "What do you really want?" (1:38)

1. **Come and See Jesus** (1:35–39)

- i. Curiosity leads to following
- ii. Jesus invites people to be with him
- iii. Clarity begins by spending time with Jesus

2. **Found by Jesus, Changed by Jesus** (1:40–42)

- i. Jesus knows us deeply
- ii. Jesus gives a new identity
- iii. Discipleship is grace before doing

3. **Come and See Together** (1:43–51)

- i. Disciples invite others: "Come and see"
- ii. Jesus meets people personally and truly knows them
- iii. Jesus is the meeting place of heaven and earth
- iv. Disciples keep learning and seeing more of him

Living It Out

What do you really want in life – is it to keep coming and seeing Jesus?

Who will you meet Jesus with this week?

MY ONE THING

What's one thing that struck, challenged, or encouraged you today? Take 60 seconds to write it down. Then share it over morning tea.

