

The Week

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Connecting the Sunday Sparkle at Hearsall Baptist with the Daily Dust of Life

Welcome

- *Good news travels fast.* Share a story to illustrate this.

Worship

- Share stories of people who first encouraged you to have faith.
- Thanks God for these people.

Word

- Read John 1: 35 - 39. Why does John introduce Jesus in such a **quirky fashion**?
- What's behind Jesus' **open question** to John's two disciples in verse 38?
- What do you make of Jesus invitation to **share a day** with him in his digs?
- Quirky questions, open questions, sharing a day - what are the equivalents for us today?
- Read John 1:40 - 42. Explain why Andrew **wastes no time** in bringing his brother to Jesus.
- Jesus reacts to this person quite differently - he **offers an insight** into his very nature. Why the **difference** between Jesus' response to Andrew and his response to Peter?
- Wasting no time and offering insights and treating everyone differently - what are the equivalents for us today?
- Read John 1:43 - 51. Now Jesus finds Philip, not the other way round. Philip responds immediately. Speculate as to why Philip responded so quickly.
- Philip wastes no time in finding Nathanael, but meets an objection. How does Philip overcome the objection?
- Again Jesus offers an insight, this time into Nathanael's nature. How does Nathanael respond and why?
- The chapter closes with an intriguing promise referring back to Jacob's story. Why does Jesus make this promise? Was it ever fulfilled?

- Bringing along friends, offering insights, making intriguing promises - what are the equivalents for us today.

Response

List the elements of an outreach strategy that might be suggested by this study.

Plan an outreach event as a group. For example:

- A Christmas drinks reception with a guest speaker
- A discussion in a coffee shop - consider using the Table Talk resource <http://www.disciplekit.org/resource/table-talk-a-game-of-conversations/>
- A film trip followed by a discussion over a takeaway
- Insert your own idea below: