

# Sermon Study Guide – January 21st, 2024

## *"The Kindness of His Calling"*

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ Today, as we continue to follow Jesus' ministry, he begins to call disciples to follow him. How much would Jesus' disciples help him versus how much would they prove to be a hindrance?
- ◆ Why does Jesus call us to follow him? What do we offer versus what does he offer us? Why is it "kindness" that he calls us?

2) Today's Message: John 1:43-51

*<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> 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." <sup>46</sup> "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." <sup>48</sup> "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." <sup>50</sup> Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." <sup>51</sup> 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."*

3) What does God want you to hear today?

*Throughout the sermon, consider...*

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



*Answer the following questions if it helps you follow the sermon...*

1. Use the space below to take notes about our sermon text:
2. Why is it strange that Jesus called someone like Nathanael?
3. How was Jesus not *just* focused on the destination but the journey?
4. Like Nathanael, what does Jesus see in us and why does he call us?
5. How can we too focus on the destination and not just the journey?

#### 4) Taking it Home:

*Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:*

**Monday:** *read/review* 1 Samuel 3

**Thursday:** Jeremiah 1

**Tuesday:** *read/review* 2 Thessalonians 2-3

**Friday:** Deut. 18:14-22, Is. 53:1-6

**Wednesday:** *review* Psalm 139

**Saturday:** *read/review* John 1:19-51