

# “Come and See”

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*John 1:45-46a*

*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."*

*46a "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.*

† **Nazareth was a quiet, undistinguished place that housed a Roman army fort for their troops.**

† **Nathanael's hometown, Cana, was only 4 miles from Nazareth.**

*John 1:46b - "Come and see," said Philip.*

† **Philip invites Nathanael as Jesus did to each of his early disciples, "Come and See."**

† **Not very many people have ever been argued into being a Christian.**

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† **This scripture from John gives us a model for how we can share Jesus with others.**

† **1. It will be with people I know, not going up to strangers.**

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† **2. They may very well resist my suggestion that they need Christ or to go to church.**

† **3. The final step is: Don't argue with them if they resist, just invite them to "Come and See."**

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† **I must trust God's Spirit to work in a person.**

† **People may not respond immediately.**

*John 1:47-49*

*47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false."*

*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."*

† **Study after study reveals that around 85% of all converts today are brought to Christ by someone they already trust.**

† **I am to plant the seed, invite them to "Come and See" and let God do the rest.**

**Applying Today's Message to My Life:**

† Why did I start going to church? Who led me?

† Who is someone I know, maybe even already a member here that does not come, who I could invite to come with me church?

† How will I respond if they argue with me - Argue back or say "Come and see"?

† Can I let God do the rest or do I feel I need to force others to follow Christ?