



# HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

ADULT DISCUSSION



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## COME AND SEE

JOHN 1:35-51

### CONNECT WITH THE SCRIPTURE

Read the passage together and write down any words or phrases that resonate. Invite each person to say a word or phrase and reflect on it.

#### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 1. After Jesus invites Philip to follow him, Philip doesn't ask for permission to bring a friend. He understands that grace is available to all God's children. He recognizes that Jesus is someone special who will receive everyone with grace. He wants to share this goodness with his friend Nathaniel.**
  - Who first invited you to "come and see" this church community?
  - How are you inviting people to come and see how Jesus has transformed your life?
  - Do you ever find yourself in situations where you are not fully open about inviting people to see the role of faith in your life? What stops you?
- 2. When the two disciples leave John the Baptist to follow Jesus, they ask, "Rabbi" (which translated means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" He says to them, "Come and see."**
  - Where do you see Jesus staying in our community?
  - How are we meeting the needs of people as disciples of Jesus beyond the church walls?
  - How do our ministries build relationships with the people with whom we are in ministry?



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### **3. Nathaniel seems incredulous that the Messiah would come from Nazareth.**

- Does it surprise you to learn that Jesus came from a town that might be considered “on the other side of the tracks”?
- How might Jesus’ upbringing in Nazareth have impacted ministries in other regions?
- Is there a place that we consider like Nazareth near our community? What is our relationship with our neighbors who live there?

### **4. Jesus says to Nathaniel, “You will see greater things than these.”**

- In a year of pandemic, societal uprising and political divisiveness, where do we see the “greater things” that Jesus mentions?
- Reading about how Human Relations Day opens accessibility to resources, where do you see God at work?
- <https://www.umcmmission.org/share-our-work/news-stories/2020/august/community/multicultural-church-s-history-inspires-support-for-immigrants>
- <http://emorybeaconoflight.org/index.php/programs/>
- <http://www.umcgiving.org/impact-articles/improving-literacy-for-buffalos-poor>

*Do these stories of transformation stir ideas for new ministries from our church or partnerships with community organizations?*



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