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MAIN TEXT: John 1:35-42

OBSERVATION: *What is this text saying?*

1. This is the third day in a row where we see John talking and interacting with other people. How would you describe or summarize each day (vv. 19-28, vv. 29-34, and vv. 35-42)?
2. What titles/names do John and the disciples use to refer to Jesus, and what do you know about the background for each one?
3. How did some of the people in this passage become disciples of Jesus?

INTERPRETATION: *What does this text mean?*

1. Why do you think the disciples of John left him and became disciples of Jesus?
2. Up to this point in the narrative, no one knows who Jesus' real identity is. John is the one that begins to broadcast this to the world. But the people clearly are anticipating someone coming who is important to their nation (see vv. 19-28). How does John proclaiming Jesus' true identity confront people by bringing them to a place of decision?
3. Why do you think God wants to reveal about himself through this text?

APPLICATION: *How should we now live?*

1. Response is a big theme in this passage (and will continue to be over the next several passages as well). How does this passage challenge you to respond to Jesus, perhaps in a way you have never thought to respond to him before?
2. Jesus does not immediately answer the question of John's former disciples. How have you seen God in your own life not immediately answer your questions or prayers? What have you learned about God through that process?
3. What is a specific way that you, like John the Baptist, can point others away from yourself and to Jesus as the Messiah?

