

Connect Group Notes

Sermon: Encounters with Jesus: The Sceptical Student

Reading: John 1: 43-51

Date: 19th April 2026 (AM)

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There may not always be 'right' and 'wrong' answers but instead you'll find your instincts helpful as well as wider church experience.

We start by reflecting on the idea of saying 'come and see Jesus'.

- 1) Think of someone who you've shared a bit of the gospel with – what reaction did you expect? How did they actually respond?
- 2) Dennis says that his friends all know he is a Christian – he's invited them in the past to events without much interest and he isn't sure what to do next. Does he just go around saying 'Come and see'? How would you advise him?

We now focus on those who come with questions/scepticism or doubts.

- 3) What aspects of Christianity have made you doubt/questions over the years? How do you work through questions and doubts?
- 4) Samantha is sceptical about the idea that Jesus knows her. Sure he actually *met* Nathanael but he's not able to walk down her road and knock on her door – what would you say?

Finally we conclude by seeing Jesus is challenging all of us to know Him more.

- 5) Jesus says to Nathanael and to all of us that we will see greater things. What do you think he might be speaking about?
- 6) Erin is feeling overwhelmed by the fact that there is always more to discover about Jesus. She finds it a lot to take in and wishes she could keep just be allowed a simple faith in Him. How would you encourage/challenge her?