

The Power of Invitation – John 1:35-42

This is a short Scripture study on the power of invitation. You may want to use this with a group of committed NCF students as you plan for recruitment and outreach to the nursing school.

Read John 1:35-42 and answer the following questions:

³⁵ The next day John was [by the Jordan River] again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹ “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

- 1. Make a list of the invitations you see in this passage: Who invited, who was invited, what they were invited to (Hint: Jesus did some inviting too!)?**
- 2. Contrast the ways that people invited in this story. What differences do you notice?**
- 3. How does this passage encourage you as you think about inviting others to NCF?**

Quick Summary:

This story contains three short examples of how people were invited to see and experience Jesus. Although the words and actions looked different, each time, people responded yes to the invitation and eventually became followers of Jesus! So too, when we invite others to our chapter, we can do so boldly and courageously because we can expect that some of them will say yes to encountering Jesus through NCF!