

# Small Group Session 1 ~ Nate and Nic

Covering sermons of January 23 & 30

ICE BREAKER: If you haven't met since November spend plenty of time catching up.

1. So far in this series we have heard about John the Baptist, Andrew, Nathanael, and Nicodemus. With which of these four do you identify? With what traits do you identify?

2. Read John 1:44-51. How did Nathanael first come to meet Jesus?

3. Read John 3:1-4. How did Nicodemus first come to meet Jesus?

4. How did you first meet Jesus?

Summarize Nicodemus' story of coming to faith. Look at John 3, John 7:45-52, & John 19:38-42.

5. Was your coming to faith in Jesus more like that of Nathanael or Nicodemus? Why did you make your choice? How is your faith like that of Nathanael or Nicodemus?

6. Why is it important that we tell our stories of coming to faith?

7. In John 1, Philip takes advantage of a "Come and See" opportunity to invite Nathanael to meet Jesus. What "Come and See" opportunities are available to us? How have you capitalized on these opportunities?

8. Consider again the story of Nicodemus. We don't hear of him again after he buries Jesus body. Work together to write (or speak) an epilogue to his story. What happened next for Nicodemus? What consequences did he face for public act of support for Jesus? What did Nicodemus do in light of these consequences and his growing faith?

9. What costly public stands might we be called to take? Are you willing to take them?

"We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!" -Pope John Paul II, *Angelus*, November 30, 1986.