

CONNECTION

- Happy Thanksgiving! Share with one another what this past weekend looked like and what you are most thankful for in this season!

SCRIPTURE:

- John 1:35-51

CONVERSATIONS:

- Read John 1:35 - 42
 - After Andrew met Jesus he went to tell his brother Simon about him. Who is the first person who told you or where did you first hear about Jesus?
 - Most people come to faith in Jesus through multiple interactions with a variety of different people. Briefly share one interaction, event or experience that was significant in your spiritual journey. Why was that experience so impactful for you?
 - Jesus gives Simon a new name – Peter (see v. 42).
 - What is Jesus communicating to Simon by doing that?
 - When you think of the spiritual growth in your life, when has it been most rapid?
 - When has it been slowest (or even gone backwards)?
- Read John 1:43 - 46
 - When Philip tells Nathanael about Jesus, Nathanael responds with skepticism. What are some of the different fears that people wrestle with when it comes to 'gossiping the gospel'?
 - How should we manage or think about those fears and concerns?
 - How did Philip respond to Nathanael's skepticism? [*Come and see. Come and think.*]
 - Why should we welcome hard questions and skepticism from those who are investigating faith in Jesus?
- Read John 1:47 - 51

- Jesus says to Nathanael, “you haven’t seen anything yet!”
What causes us to lose our sense of awe and wonder at what Jesus has done and what he is doing?
- What is something wonderful, awe inspiring or just plain encouraging that you have seen God do lately – in your life; among your family or friends; in your city; around the world?

RIDGE CHURCH REMINDERS:

- Ridge Essentials Classes Start Sunday Oct 23rd
- Women’s Retreat @Stillwood Oct 14-16
- Men’s Group starts Oct 17th

PRAYER:

- PRAY for us to see new faces on Sunday morning and do our best to welcome them here.
- PRAY for all those who are new into COMMUNITY would feel welcome and connect easily into following Jesus together.
- PRAY for our RIDGE ESSENTIALS starting this month. That Jesus would be known and that many would choose to grow deeper in their discipleship.
- PRAY for our Syrian family waiting in Turkey. Pray that all of their interviews would go well and that they would receive their travel papers soon, Pray that God would move us to give generously towards this ministry.
- PRAY for our municipal elections. Pray that God would grant wisdom to those who are elected.