

WEEK 2: TO AN UNBELIEVING SKEPTIC

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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main point

What would Jesus say to a skeptic who has Christian friends? The skeptic who kindly listens to friends talk of their faith but is not sure? The skeptic who still has lots of questions? Nathanael is raw and honest about his doubts yet kind and gracious to his friends, and Jesus affirms him. Jesus also shocks Nathanael with news about who He is—the One who bridges us to God.

Lean in

**What's a fictional book or movie you wish you could live in?
Who would you be?**

break the ice

Look down

look at God's Word

Read John 1:43-51

43 "The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. He found Philip and told him, "Follow me."

44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the law (and so did the prophets): Jesus the son of Joseph, from Nazareth."

46 "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathanael asked him.

"Come and see," Philip answered.

47 Then Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

48 "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

"Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you," Jesus answered.

49 "Rabbi," Nathanael replied, "You are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel!"

50 Jesus responded to him, "Do you believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." 51 Then he said, "Truly I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

What did you learn about how Jesus pursues us from the passage?

Who are the skeptics and how does Jesus respond to them?

What is the significance of Jesus calling Himself the "Son of Man?"

Look out

identify the

relevance of God's

Word in the world

What causes people to be skeptical about Jesus?

How have you responded to the doubts of others?

Look in

apply God's Word

to your life

Where do you struggle to believe that Jesus sees, wants, and pursues you?

Who is the skeptic in your life that God is calling you to engage?