

John 1:35—51 | An encounter with Andrew & Philip
Study Questions from 27.10.2019 sermon

Introduction

- i. How many followers do you have on social media?
- ii. Read through John 1:35—46 focussing on those who followed Jesus. What effect does following Jesus have on these people?

Reaction

- iii. What is your reaction when you hear the word 'evangelism' or hear a sermon telling you to share your faith?
- iv. Why do we find it hard to share our faith?
- v. Finish the sentence: "The heart of Christianity is not about rules, religion and ritual, but about ...". (clue: 3 things which all begin with 'r')
- vi. How do we overcome our tendency to not share our faith? (clue: it's to do with relationship, grace and shalom)

'In Christ'

- vii. Read out 2 Cor. 5:17. Being 'in Christ' means I am accepted, secure and significant. How does this effect my personal evangelism?
- viii. Over the next week, read the "Who I Am In Christ" list (see over) out loud every day. Then pick one of the truths that is particularly meaningful to you and spend some time reading it in its context and asking God to help you understand it more fully.

Who I am in Christ (from ficm.org.uk)

I Am Accepted

I renounce the lie that I am rejected, unloved, or shameful. In Christ I am accepted. God says:

- I am God's child (John 1:12) and I am Christ's friend (John 15:5)
- I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
- I am united with the Lord and I am one spirit with Him (1 Corinthians 6:17)
- I have been bought with a price: I belong to God (1 Corinthians 6:19–20)
- I am a member of Christ's body (1 Corinthians 12:27)
- I am a saint, a holy one (Ephesians 1:1)
- I have been adopted as God's child (Ephesians 1:5)
- I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:18)
- I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins (Colossians 1:14)
- I am complete in Christ (Colossians 2:10)

I Am Secure

I renounce the lie that I am guilty, unprotected, alone, or abandoned. In Christ I am secure. God says:

- I am free from condemnation (Romans 8:1–2)
- I am assured that all things work together for good (Romans 8:28)
- I am free from any condemning charges against me (Romans 8:31–34)
- I cannot be separated from the love of God (Romans 8:35–39)
- I have been established, anointed, and sealed by God (2 Corinthians 1:21–22)
- I am confident that the good work God has begun in me will be perfected (Philippians 1:6)
- I am a citizen of heaven (Philippians 3:20)
- I am hidden with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3)
- I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control (2 Timothy 1:7)
- I can find grace and mercy to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16)
- I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me (1 John 5:18)

I Am Significant

I renounce the lie that I am worthless, inadequate, helpless, or hopeless. In Christ I am significant. God says:

- I am the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5:13–14)
- I am a branch of the true vine, Jesus, a channel of His life (John 15:1,5)
- I have been chosen and appointed by God to bear fruit (John 15:16)
- I am a personal, Spirit-empowered witness of Christ's (Acts 1:8)
- I am a temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:16)
- I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Corinthians 5:17–21)
- I am a fellow worker with God (2 Corinthians 6:1)
- I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 2:6)
- I am God's workmanship, created for good works (Ephesians 2:10)
- I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Ephesians 3:12)
- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me! (Philippians 4:13)
- I am not the great "I Am," but by the grace of God I am what I am. (See Exodus 3:14; John 8:24, 28, 58; 1 Corinthians 15:10.)