MEETING JESUS

John 1:35-51

(Brief outline, add own comments)

Introduction: Discuss John the Baptist point out Jesus Christ. Discuss how often this has been repeated: Jesus is within sight, within reach, yet He remains unknown. Discuss how a person meets Jesus Christ.

1. There is more than one method to meet Jesus Christ.

- Meet Jesus through a message by a preacher.
- Meet Jesus by a personal witness by someone (Andrew to Peter).
- Meet Jesus through an invisible call from God (Phillip).
- Meet Jesus through a personal invitation by Jesus, Himself (Nathaniel).

2. Jesus Christ deals differently with each person.

- By a question: "... What seek ye?" (two disciples)
- By a command: "...Follow Me!" (Phillip)
- By reason: through kind words (Nathaniel)

3. Jesus Christ is what/who each person needs.

- No matter the variety of temperament of the individual, he/she needs Jesus Christ.
- No matter what tribe, nationality, etc., every person needs Jesus Christ.
- No matter what rank, position, etc., every person needs Jesus Christ.

APPLICATION:

1. What do YOU seek?

- Is it security, a position, money, material security?
 - These are not wrong, but are LOW goals.
- Is it a career, power, prestige, prominence, opportunity to do what you think you can do best?
 These are not bad, but not enough.
- Is it peace with self, with God, with others?
 - ONLY Jesus Christ can supply this.

2. Jesus Christ is the answer to all problems.

- He is able to meet all people.
- He is able to understand all situations.
- He is able to help every person, regardless.

3. God takes the first step.

- Any time one's mind turns to thoughts of God and his/her heart turns to God, he/she will find that God is already there.

4. So, do you know the Lord Jesus Christ as your own personal savior and friend?