



ANSWER KEY

BIG IDEA

Jesus knows the man He calls, and He makes the man He intends to use.

PETER BEFORE JESUS (SIMON THE FISHERMAN)

- His name is **Simon**, the son of **John** (John 1:42).
- He is from **Bethsaida**, a fishing village on the north shore of the Sea of **Galilee** (John 1:44).
- He works as a **fisherman** alongside his brother **Andrew** and is associated with James and John, the sons of **Zebedee** (Luke 5:10).
- He is **married**. Jesus heals his mother-in-law (Mark 1:29-31).
- He is a **Galilean Jew**, living with the hopes of Israel for the coming **Messiah**.
- He is not an **apostle**, a **preacher**, or 'the **Rock**.'
- Then Andrew **brought** him to Jesus (John 1:42).

JOHN 1:35-42 IN CONTEXT

- This is the day after John the Baptist's testimony in verses **29-34**.
- John the Baptist is standing with **two** of his disciples.
- One of the two is **Andrew** (John 1:40).
- The movement: John **sees** Jesus; the disciples **follow** Jesus; they **stay** with Jesus; Andrew **finds** the Messiah; Andrew **finds** Simon; Andrew **brings** Simon to Jesus; Jesus **looks at** Simon; Jesus **gives** Simon a new name.

Andrew brought Simon. Jesus made Peter.

THE TEXT: JOHN 1:35-42

Read the passage. Use this completed guide as the answer key.

I. JESUS DRAWS MEN TO HIMSELF THROUGH THE TESTIMONY OF OTHERS. (vv. 35-37)

- John the Baptist **looks** at Jesus and declares, 'Behold, the **Lamb** of God!' (v. 36)
- The two disciples **hear** John and **follow** Jesus.
- John points **away** from himself **toward** Christ.
- The Christian life begins with **seeing** Jesus for who He is.

II. JESUS INVITES THOSE WHO SEEK HIM TO COME AND KNOW HIM. (vv. 38-39)

- Jesus asks, 'What do you **seek**?' (v. 38)
- They respond, 'Rabbi...where are You **staying**?'
- Jesus says, '**Come**, and you will **see**.' (v. 39)
- They come, see, and **stay**.
- They enter calling Him **Rabbi** and leave saying, 'We have found the **Messiah**.'

III. THOSE WHO ENCOUNTER JESUS NATURALLY BRING OTHERS TO HIM. (vv. 40-42a)

- Andrew says, 'We have found the **Messiah**.' (v. 41)
- He **finds** first his own brother **Simon**.
- He brings him to **Jesus**.
- Andrew **brought** Simon. Jesus **made** Peter.

MESSAGE 1 ANSWER KEY - CONTINUED

IV. JESUS SEES WHO WE ARE AND KNOWS WHAT HE INTENDS TO MAKE OF US. (v. 42b)

- Jesus **looks** at him (Greek: *emblepo*) - He fixes His **gaze** on him.
- Jesus says, 'You are **Simon** the son of **John**.'
- Jesus knows him: his family, his work, his **failures**, his **future**.
- Jesus declares, 'You shall be called **Cephas**.'
- Between 'you are' and 'you shall be' lies the entire **transformation** Jesus will do.

KEY WORD INSIGHT

Jesus '**looked** at him' (v. 42).

Greek: **emblepo** (em-blep'-o)

- Means to look **intently**, to fix one's gaze on someone.
- Jesus does not merely **see** Simon's face. He **knows** Simon's heart.

THEOLOGICAL GUARDRAIL

Peter's story is not:

Potential -> Self-improvement -> greatness.

Peter's story is:

Calling -> Discipleship -> failure -> Restoration -> Usefulness for the glory of God.

REFLECTION & APPLICATION

1. What am I **seeking** from Jesus?
2. Am I spending time to **come** and **know** Jesus, or am I just following from **a distance**?
3. Who in my life can I **bring** to Jesus this **week**?
4. How does it encourage me to know that Jesus knows me completely and still **intends** to make me into who He **calls** me to be?

THE TAKEAWAY

Jesus knows who you are. Jesus knows what you are not. Jesus knows what He intends to make of you. Therefore, follow Him.

Answer-key words are shown in gold and bold. Scripture references and wording match the original fill-in handout.