

## Bible Study Handout: John 1:35–50 (Session 4)

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This session explores the calling of the first disciples and the revelation of Jesus through their encounters.

### **Historical & Cultural Background**

- Discipleship in 1st-century
- John the Baptist
- Messianic expectations

### **Key Characters**

- John the Baptist
- Andrew
- Simon Peter
- Philip
- Nathanael

### **Titles of Jesus in This Passage**

- Rabbi
- Messiah/Christ
- Son of God
- King of Israel
- Son of Man

### **Greek Word Highlights**

Greek Word	Verse	Meaning	Insight
Mathētēs (μαθητής)	v.35	Disciple, learner	A follower who imitates the rabbi's life.
Menein (μένειν)	vv.38–39	To remain, abide	Key Johannine theme: dwelling with Jesus.
Heuriskō (εὕρισκω)	v.41	To find, discover	Discipleship spreads through personal witness.
Petros / Cephas (Πέτρος / Κηφᾶς)	v.42	Rock	Jesus gives Simon a new identity before he earns it.
Nazaraîos (Ναζωραῖος)	v.46	From Nazareth	Highlights God's work through

unexpected  
places.

Basileus tou      v.49  
Israēl  
(βασιλεὺς τοῦ  
Ἰσραήλ)

King of Israel

Messianic  
expectation,  
redefined by  
Jesus.