

JANUARY 19, 2020
SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY



Come and see Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 1:29-42	Jesus, the Lamb of God
Monday	Isaiah 49:1-7	The servant's mission
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Greetings to the Corinthians
Wednesday	John 1:43-51	Jesus calls Philip and Nathaniel
Thursday	John 9:1-34	The man born blind receives sight
Friday	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Paul's work in Thessalonica
Saturday	Psalms 40:1-11	Happy are they who trust the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 4:12-23	Jesus calls his first disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

He [Jesus] said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. **John 1:39 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help me and all people to see in Jesus the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, let me see in this meal a gift of love, part of your wondrous deeds that are so many they cannot be counted. Amen. (Psalm 40:5)

A Blessing to Give:

May grace and peace be yours through God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 1:3)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Will You Come and
Follow Me*



WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about someone you trust. Why do you trust them?
- Trust and faith are very closely related. How is your faith in God a form of trust?
- John the Baptist, Andrew, and Philip all helped others they knew see Jesus. How can trusted relationships help others see Jesus?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 1:29-42.

Having a relationship with Jesus often involves a trusted relationship with others. John the Baptist twice tells people that Jesus is the lamb of God (1:29 and 36). After the second announcement, two of John's disciples follow Jesus. They want a relationship to Jesus so they ask where he is staying. Jesus immediately invites them to where he is dwelling. The result is that Andrew (one of the two disciples of John) goes and gets his brother Simon (Cephas or Peter). Then Philip is brought into the inner circle of disciples. Interestingly, he is from the same home town as Andrew and Peter. These were likely neighborhood boys who knew each other for a long time. Then Philip goes and gets his friend Nathaniel. Philip's invitation includes the same words Jesus used earlier: "Come and see" (vv. 39 and 46). We often see Jesus through others with whom we have a trusted relationship. Who has helped you see Jesus?

Pray: **Dear Jesus, may we help others to see you through our invitation, our care, and our living faith. Amen.**

SERVICE



The Lord says, "I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6b). Isaiah describes a servant's mission in this chapter. When we are baptized, we often receive a candle and when it is lit, we are reminded to let our light shine before others. How do we, as Christians, reach out to others and let our light shine?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships—often in our own homes. How often do you take time to talk about your faith with others in your home? Identify a location in your home that becomes your "faith space". Place a candle, Bible, this *Taking Faith Home* devotion, a cross, and a small bowl of water in that place. Using these resources, invite a trusted friend or family member to talk about ways you can practice your faith at home.



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