

able to say, "I have found the Christ." He must plead and persuade and pray, and never despair till he has brought them all, one by one, to Jesus. Simon was only one, but what a great thing it was to bring such a one! What teacher can know when he may bring a future Peter to Jesus?

"*Thou shalt be called Cephas,*" v. 42. Jesus knew what Simon was and what he was to become; almost the very opposite of what he had been. Have faith in the transforming power of the grace and spirit of God.

"*Jesus . . . findeth Philip,*" v. 43. Andrew findeth Simon, and now Jesus encourages him and the others by finding Philip. "The servant is not greater than his master." He does the work Himself which He wants us to do. Some souls are found by a teacher (John), some by a relative (Andrew), some by a friend (Nathaniel), some by the Master Himself. No one need wait for another to bring him. Jesus says unto all, "Come unto me all ye that are heavy laden," Matt. 11: 28. Whosoever will may come, without waiting to be brought.

"*Philip was of Bethsaida,*" v. 44, and probably, therefore, acquainted with Andrew and Peter. It is most important to win for Christ as many as possible of the same class, or set, or place. The ties of nature, of kindred, and of companionship count in the Christian life, in

Church work. Set your scholars to bring those of their own set to Jesus. Jesus finds Philip that *he* may find Nathanael, as Andrew had found Simon. "One lighted torch serves to light another and thus the faith is propagated." The closer the tie the stronger the bond of influence; and when the life confirms the lips the appeal of a dear one is well nigh irresistible.

"*Can any good come out of Nazareth,*" v. 46. Even a guileless man may be prejudiced. There is nothing that hinders so many from coming to Christ as prejudice.

"*Come and see,*" v. 46, is a challenge to put Christ to the proof, and it is a standing invitation any one may accept. Acquaintance with Christ will confirm all his claims. Urge on all in your class to "Come and see." If they will but "come and see" they will surely confess Christ as Nathanael did. Come and see what Christ is, what He has done, what He will do for you!

Every teacher should ponder the various ways in which disciples are won for Christ; as many by personal influence and persuasion as by the ministry of John, and only one of five directly by Jesus Himself. There are those who seek, themselves; those who have to be sought and brought; those who are prepared and ready to come, and those who are prejudiced and hence slow to believe; but, all are welcome.

#### TOPICS FOR BRIEF PAPERS

(To be assigned the Sabbath previous. Only one topic should be given to each scholar. Sometimes all may be asked to write on the same topic. The papers to be read out in the class.)

1. What the Bible says about lambs as sacrifices.
2. The cost of following Christ.
3. How we may bring others to Christ.

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