

## John 1: Come and See

John 1:35-51

Curious about Jesus  
*John 1:40-45*

Clueless about Jesus

Cautious about Jesus  
*John 1:45-51; Romans 1:16*

### Considerations for the week

**A question, v. 38.** Jesus' first recorded words in this Gospel are a question. How does He use this to engage people?

**An invitation, v 39.** They spend the day with him. What does this teach us about discipleship as relationship rather than merely as information?

Describe how "come and see" can shape the way we invite others to faith.

**A brother, v. 40-41.** Andrew's first instinct is to bring his brother to Jesus. What does this reveal about the contagious nature of encountering Christ?

**A new name, v. 42.** Jesus tells Simon he will be known as Cephas (Peter). Comment upon Jesus' broad authority to redefine our identity, and give examples of how this happens.

**A serial appeal, v. 43+.** Jesus finds Philip, and Philip finds Nathanael. Comment upon how divine initiative and human participation are both part of coming to Christ.

Philip's testimony is simple: We have found Him. What does this teach us about the power of ordinary witness?

Jesus' knowledge of Nathanael is personal and specific, as it is of each of us. What does this say about divine insight?

*Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.*



**He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."** — John 1:51, NIV

Scripture read today  
during worship:

Luke 6:38

John 1:19-51

### Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at [prayer@rtbchurch.org](mailto:prayer@rtbchurch.org) to let us know how we may pray for you.

## Today's order of service

Prelude, *In the Presence of Jehovah*

Call to worship

Hymn, *House of the Lord*

Hymn, *Jesus, at Your Holy Table*

The Lord's Supper, *Lamb of God*

Hymn, *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Offertory

Reading and prayer

Hymn 312, *To Be God's People*

Message

Hymn of response

*Send Me, O Lord, Send Me*

Benediction

Postlude, *God Is Great*

## Weekly events

Today after the service, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers.

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm  
pre-registration required

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner, 5:30-6:30 pm. Wednesday night supper is temporarily on hold due to kitchen renovations.

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the parlor

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm  
Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am  
Meets this week, May 16.

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

### Celebrating our graduates

May 31 following worship service

**Got the app?** You can download our free mobile app by searching for "RTBC" in the Apple or Android store.

Our website is at <https://rtbc.faith>

**VBS** Our Vacation Bible School will be held June 22-26.

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online giving



**Food donation collection** Through May 17, for the benefit of CCSC (Christian Community Service Center).

**The church office has information on events.**

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: [office@rtbchurch.org](mailto:office@rtbchurch.org)

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm

**Church Conference** There will be a regular church conference held in person at the church on Sunday, May 24, 2025, at 12:45 pm.

**VBS** Meeting for those helping with our Vacation Bible School, Saturday, May 16

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to the internet. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.