

Title: Some of us are just like Nathaniel**John 1: 43-51****Devotional reading: Psalm 139: 1-11****Facilitator: Robert E. Fleming**

- 43. Jesus told Philip to follow him.**
- 44. Philip, Andrew and Peter were from the town of Bethsaida.**
- 45. Just as Andrew told Peter, Philip now tells Nathaniel that Jesus is the Messiah. Philip refers to Jesus as the one written about in the Hebrew Scriptures. For centuries the the people of Israel had waited for the messiah, a term that means “ Anointed One”. In Greek, the word is translated as Christos, from which we get the English word Christ. This Christ was supposed to rescue Israel from her enemies and lead them to freedom and glory. This is who Israel is suppose to be looking for. Jeremiah 23:56 Isaiah 53: 1-6**
- 46: Nazareth, a city of lower Galilee in northern Israel; the largest Arab city in the country. It was Jesus childhood home. Jesus preached in the synagogue and was rejected by the townsmen there.**
- 47. Nathaniel must have been surprise that Jesus didn` t condemn Him for being prejudice against Nazareth, instead praised him for being a true Israelite, not a Jew just because of birth, but in character and disposition. He was trusting.
His transparency: Nathaniel was the personification of sincerity; wasn` t double minded. His character was transparency. A man of nothing false, no guile no subtlety, no craftiness. Nathaniel is true to the name of Israel.
Jesus is omniscient, he knows all about Nathaniel.**
- 48. Jesus knew who he was when he saw him under the fig tree. The fig tree is the emblem of the Jewish nation.**

The fig tree was the favorite tree under which Jews would retire for prayer and meditation. Under his own tree, Nathaniel often went to commune with the Lord.

- 49. Nathaniel quickly testified that thou art the Son of God, The King of Israel. This is the one who the prophets and Holy Scriptures had talked about, coming to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of the people of Israel.**
- 50. Jesus said, you believed just because I told I saw you under the fig tree? Man you`re going to see greater things than that; you haven`t seen nothing yet, so to speak. This is the beginning of Nathaniel`s life knowing Christ.**
- 51. Jesus was referring to the dream of Jacob`s Ladder At Bethel. There he received the Lord as his Savior.
Genesis 28: 12-15**