



TOGETHER CHURCH

**GUARDRAILS
THAT HELP US
STAY THE COURSE AS A
DISCIPLE-MAKING CHURCH**

Week 11: May 16-22

Welcome/ Introduce Guests/ Share Life (10 minutes)
Recall the Guidelines/ Open in Prayer

Vision Casting (2 minutes): A disciple is someone who follows Jesus, is being changed by Jesus, and is leading others to follow Jesus.

Hook Question (5 minutes): When was a time that you felt seen, heard, or appreciated by other people?

Ask someone to read the background for the story (2 minutes):

After Jesus was born, Joseph moved his family from Bethlehem to Egypt to flee the oppressor Herod. After Herod died, Joseph moved his family to Nazareth. This was to fulfill what the prophets said, "He shall be called a Nazarene." (Matthew 2:23) Nazareth was not a well-liked town. It was a very small town in the region of Galilee where no prophet had come from. During the life of Jesus, Nazareth's population was a mix of Jew and Gentile which did not set well with Jews. Even people from Galilee did not like Nazareth, so why would anything good come out of a place with such a poor reputation?

John the Baptist prepared people to receive the Messiah. His mission was to "make straight the way of the Lord" (John 1:23). His message created much anticipation, excitement, and curiosity. One day, he was with two of his disciples and Jesus walked by. When this happened, John said "Behold, the Lamb of God!" Immediately, his disciples left to follow Jesus.

The next day, Jesus and his new followers would go to Galilee where He was still relatively unknown. It was here he extended an invitation to a young man who doubted who Jesus was because of where He came from. This is where our story begins...

Tell the story from John 1:43-51: (12 Minutes per section): Change the storyteller often.

Rebuild the Story: Group members retell the story as well as possible.

Read the story from John 1:43-51: Ask the group to read these verses.

Discussion Questions John 1:43-51: Learn to talk about God's word with others. **(Take as much time as needed.)**

- What do you like or dislike about this story?
- What does this story teach you about yourself?
- What does this story teach you about God?
- What is God speaking to you about? How do you need to apply this story to your life?

Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in Prayer.