



# SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

## Identity: What Are You Seeking? | Part 3

### John 1:37-42 | Mar 1, 2026



**John 1:35-42** - <sup>35</sup> The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup> He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

### OBSERVATION | What does the text say?

1. In John 1:42, who brings Simon to Jesus?  
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2. What is the first thing Jesus does when Simon stands before Him?  
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3. What does Jesus say about Simon's present identity?  
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4. What future identity does Jesus declare?  
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5. Does Simon say anything in this verse?  
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#### Discuss:

- The order: look → declare present → declare future  
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- The silence of Simon  
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- The authority of Jesus  
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### INTERPRETATION | What does the text mean?

#### A. He Sees You

1. What might be implied by the phrase "Jesus looked at him?"  
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2. How is Christ's gaze different from human judgment?  
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3. What does this reveal about Christ's knowledge— is it informational or penetrating?  
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**Discuss:** Jesus sees Simon completely— temperament, impulsiveness, future denial, future boldness. Nothing is hidden. This is not casual eye contact. This is sovereign recognition.

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#### B. He Speaks Over You

1. Why does Jesus begin with "You are Simon the son of John?"  
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2. What does the renaming signify biblically?  
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3. What authority must someone possess to redefine another person?  
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