

Under the Fig Tree

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SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS

Welcome

- 1) When reaching out to a friend, under what circumstances do you: Send a text message? Call? Set up a face-to-face meeting?
- 2) What does your current prayer life look like: Hurried? Infrequent? Confusing? Demanding? Something else?

Word

Read John 1:48-51

- 1) How do you think Nathanael felt when Jesus called him to be a disciple?
- 2) What did Nathanael confess about Jesus? What do these titles mean?
- 3) What does the symbol of sitting under a fig tree communicate? (See Micah 4:1-4)
- 4) Consider this statement: *When we engage in contemplative prayer—when we sit with Jesus—we may not see Jesus, but Jesus sees us.* What do we mean by contemplative prayer? What is reassuring about Jesus seeing us?
- 5) Why is being contemplative the opposite of being reactionary?
- 6) In what ways does “sitting under a fig tree” cure us of fear and rage?

Work

- 1) What steps do you need to take to practice contemplative prayer?

Worship

- 1) Psalm for the Day - Sun: 18 / Mon: 19 / Tue: 20 / Wed: 21 / Thu: 22 / Fri: 23 / Sat: 24
- 2) Pray for each other