

## **Who's Your 1?**

John 1:40-45; Acts 8:4-8, 25-27

***There is no way, this side of eternity, that you can know the full impact of your influence on one life.***

***Billy Graham conversion at Mordecai Ham crusade – Charlotte NC, Nov. 1, 1934***

### ***The Circle of 1***

“circle” - a round plane figure whose boundary (the circumference) consists of points equidistant from a fixed point (the center)

- The center of the circle is you!
  - Someone who has met Christ
  - Someone who cares about someone else
  - Someone who is willing
- The circle may be near to you
  - Andrew found his brother Simon
  - Philip found his friend Nathaniel
  - Is your “1” in your family, friends, associates?
- The circle may be far from you
  - Philip goes to the Ethiopian eunuch
  - Different in every way from Philip
  - God had prepared
  - Be attentive for God to lead others in your path that you don't know

### ***The Call of 1***

- An invitation
  - No one can ever force someone to come to Christ. All we can do is invite.
  - It is a statistical fact that most people who don't attend church would come if someone invited them. “82% are somewhat likely to attend if invited,” Thom Rainer, “The Unchurched Next Door”
  - “98% percent of church goers never extend an invitation in a given year,” Thom Rainer, “The Unchurched Next Door”
  - “Our church is having a special back to church day on September 8. Our pastor is encouraging us to bring a friend. Would you guys like to come as my guest? Lunch at noon and games for the kids.”
- An introduction
  - They all invited someone to meet Jesus

### ***The Consequence of 1 Invitation***

- Peter became the Apostle to the Jews and one of the main pastors at the church in Jerusalem
- Nathaniel
  - Don't know full extent, but Jesus said he was an example of true Israelites
- Ethiopian eunuch
  - Royal official, highly educated
  - Missionary to Africa