

THE SEASON OF

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THE BEGINNING OF GOOD NEWS

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. Would you describe yourself as a child as adventurous or cautious? Did you ever climb trees as a child? If so, what do you remember about those experiences?

2. Do you consider yourself a naturally reflective person or do you have to work at it or both? Do you instinctively take time to slow down and think through things quietly or do you need to work at such practices?

Read John 1:43-51

3. What do you imagine Nathanael was doing while sitting under his fig tree?

4. What do you think prompted Nathanael's declaration that Jesus is the Son of God and Israel's King?

5. What did Jesus mean when he said that Nathanael will see angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man?

6. What is your experience with contemplative prayer, what Pastor Brian calls "sitting with Jesus"?

7. What is the goal of sitting with Jesus?

8. How does contemplative prayer rescue us from the reactive nature of our present age?

9. What have you done to grow in the art of contemplative prayer?

10. What can you do this week to sit under your fig tree with Jesus?