

“Skeptics Anonymous - Philip”

Sunday, August 3, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
Pastor Jonathan DeCou
John 1, 6, 12, 14

BIG IDEA: God welcomes the skeptic.

*“I do believe; help my unbelief!”
Mark 9:24 (CSB)*



Philip’s Conversion. (*John 1:43-46*)

- A seeker being sought. (“Follow me.”)
- An evangelist’s heart. (“Come and see.”)



Philip’s Conviction. (*John 6:5-7*)

- Stuck on facts.
- Short on faith.



Philip’s Confusion. (*John 12:20-22*)

- He was indecisive.
- He was unassertive.



Philip’s Compulsion. (*John 14:5-11*)

- He couldn’t “see the forest for the trees”.
- For him, enough was not enough.

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READ: Each of the accounts about Philip in John 1, 6, 12, & 14

THINK: Reflect on these glimpses into Philip’s life with Jesus, then ask yourself these questions: *When have you simultaneously wavered between belief and disbelief? What persuaded you one way or the other? What stands out to you in Philip’s initial encounter with the Lord Jesus (John 1)? What motivated Philip to tell Nathaniel about Jesus? Why did Jesus call upon Philip for a solution to feed the 5,000 men and their families (John 6)? What was Philip focused on and how did that inhibit his faith? Without reading too much into the text, why do you suppose Philip went to Andrew before going directly to Jesus with the Greeks who were looking for an audience with Jesus (John 12)? What held Philip back from fully realizing the fullness of Jesus Christ’s identity (John 14)?*

DO: When it comes to your faith walk with Jesus, what are your areas of complete confidence and assurance? Identify some doubts you have as a Christ-follower. What has Jesus already done to alleviate your doubts and how can you go forward in faith?