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## **“Greater Things”**

*“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)*

### **The First Lesson**

**John 1:43-51** – (43) “The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, ‘Follow me.’ (44) Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. (45) Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.’ (46) Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’ (47) Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, ‘Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!’ (48) Nathanael said to him, ‘How do you know me?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.’ (49) Nathanael answered him, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ (50) Jesus answered him, ‘Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? **You will see greater things than these.**’ (51) And he said to him, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, **you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.**”

**The First & Foremost Work is to See the “Greater Things” – The Person & Purposes of Jesus Christ**

### **Invitation**

**John 6:28-29** – (28) “Then they said to him, ‘What must we do, to be doing the works of God?’ (29) Jesus answered them, ‘**This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.**”

**John 3:13-16** – (13) “No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. (14) And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, **so must the Son of Man be lifted up,** (15) **that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.** (16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

## **Initiation**

**John 3:3-5** – (3) “Jesus answered him, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.’ (4) Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?’ (5) Jesus answered, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.’”

**2 Corinthians 4:6** – “For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

## **Implementation**

**Micah 7:1-8** – (1) “Woe is me! For I have become as when the summer fruit has been gathered, as when the grapes have been gleaned: there is no cluster to eat, no first-ripe fig that my soul desires. (2) The godly has perished from the earth, and there is no one upright among mankind; they all lie in wait for blood, and each hunts the other with a net. (3) Their hands are on what is evil, to do it well; the prince and the judge ask for a bribe, and the great man utters the evil desire of his soul; thus they weave it together. (4) The best of them is like a brier, the most upright of them a thorn hedge. The day of your watchmen, of your punishment, has come; now their confusion is at hand. (5) Put no trust in a neighbor; have no confidence in a friend; guard the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your arms; (6) for the son treats the father with contempt, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man’s enemies are the men of his own house. (7) **But as for me, I will look to the LORD;** I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. (8) Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; **when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me.**”

**Hebrews 12:1-2** – (1) “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, (2) **looking to Jesus,** the founder and perfecter of our faith...”

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