

disciples and invites them to get to know him better. As each is introduced to Jesus, the Lord is given a special title—*Messiah, King of Israel*, and so on. But when Jesus meets Nathaniel, one of the group, Jesus himself has something to say about Nathaniel, hinting that already the Lord knows and loves these individuals who will become his closest followers. Imagine Jesus inviting you to be his friend and follower. What would Jesus see in you? What would he know about you as a close friend? Here are some questions to help you. They are strictly between you and Jesus. Try to be really honest as you record the answers in your journal. If there are some you cannot answer now, or questions you feel you need more time in answering, come back to them later.

What are usually your first thoughts in the morning?  
Your last before falling asleep?

Who is the greatest person you know? Why do you like him or her?

How often do you pray? Think of God? Read the Bible?

What's your usual reaction to Church services or activities?

What angers you the most? Why?

What's your idea of a really good time?

What touches you most? When do you feel most yourself?

What is your favorite holiday? Why?

What days do you dislike the most? Why?

If you received a million dollars, what would you do with it?

If you could ask Christ for one thing what would it be?

What is the thing that causes you the greatest concern? Why?

How do you feel about people who did wrong getting set free (by a presidential pardon, for example)?

Can you forgive an injury? Can you apologize?

something for someone else? Why did you do it?

What character in a book or film or TV series are you most like?

What's your best quality? When's the last time you used that quality to do good for someone or something?

What do you deny yourself for Christ? When?

What's the main thing that keeps you from a closer relationship with Christ? Are you doing anything to counteract it?

If you did something really wrong, how long would it take before you could feel forgiven by God?

Who is your best friend?

How do you feel about people different from you?

Is there anyone poor in some way or neglected or frequently ridiculed that you usually try to defend?

What is your biggest aim in life?

After you've written on these questions, read Psalm 139 and spend some time in prayer.