

Twelve Ordinary Men
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- Brother in the Background
- Another look:
 - The brothers were from Bethsaida (Jn 1:44, pp. 61-62), but that's not where they meet Jesus. Where are they located and what do you know of this place?
 - Capernaum, near Bethsaida.
 - Good fishing area.
 - North side of Galilee.
 - Junction of key trade routes.
 - Of the four in the inner circle, why is Andrew less conspicuous? (p. 63)
 - Scripture doesn't tell us a lot about him.
 - Limited references in the gospels.
 - He is mentioned only nine times, a part from the lists.
 - Most of these are insignificant references.
 - What indication is there that Andrew was a devout man before he met Jesus? (p. 64)
 - He traveled a great distance to hear John the Baptist preach in the Judean wilderness.
 - Why does MacArthur spend so much time introducing a Boston Sunday school teacher named Edward Kimball? (p. 69)
 - He was not an up-front leader guy.
 - He made significant contribution to Christianity by introducing Dwight L. Moody to Christ.
 - Moody influenced millions for the kingdom.
 - Like Andrew bringing Peter to see Christ.
 - What does tradition say about Andrew's death? (p. 74)
 - Lashed to a X shaped cross, not nailed.
 - He suffered longer, lasting two days.
 - He encouraged passersby to confess faith in Christ.
- Biblical connections:
 - In John 1:40-42, Andrew traveled far to hear John the Baptist. Andrew also sought his brother before anything else.
 - What does this say about Andrew's relationship with Simon? What does this teach us today about reaching family members?
 - He and his brother were close.
 - After coming to Christ it is natural to tell those closest to us.
 - In John 1:19-37, what prevents someone from reaching the conclusion that Andrew and John were fickle and lacked commitment by the way they left John for Jesus?

- John already said he was not the goal in their search.
- He pointed them to the One who was.
- John in essence released them to follow Jesus.
- In John 1:35-37 and Matthew 4:18-22, what about these passages indicates that following Jesus had been a process that involved the passage of time?
 - The two sets of brothers had returned to their fishing businesses after the first encounter with Jesus.
 - It is conceivable that several months had passed.
- In Matthew 4:18-22 and Luke 5:1-11, what obvious omission do you notice?
 - Andrews' name is missing from the Luke account.
 - This is an indicator that Andrew was in the background much of the time.
 - Perhaps he accepted his behind-the-scenes role.
- Highlighting the lesson:
 - What four indicators can you trace in Scripture that imply that Andrew had the right heart in order to be used effectively in the background? (p. 63)
 - He did not seek the center of attention.
 - Of the inner circle, Andrew is the most thoughtful.
 - Whenever he acted by himself, he did what was right.
 - Whenever he is expressly mentioned, Scripture commends him.
 - Andrew was the disciple who saw value in individuals. What evidence is there that Andrew brought people to Christ? (p. 67-68)
 - At the feeding of the 5000, Andrew brought the boy with the lunch to Jesus (Jn 6:7-9).
 - When a small group of Greek seekers wanted to see Jesus, Andrew made it happen (Jn 12:20-22).
 - Jesus taught about the significance of the “insignificant gift” (Lk 21:1-4). Andrew had likely already learned that lesson in a previous instance. What was that incident and how did it reveal one of Jesus' core values? (p. 72)
 - In John 6, Andrew spotted the boy with the bread and fish.
 - Even though he knew it would not feed the crowd, he knew it was something the Master could use.
 - Billy Graham for years had a program called “Operation Andrew” that was a people-to-people approach of bringing neighbors and friend and family to Jesus.
 - Why do you think it was called this?
 - Describe a person in our church that appears to be like Andrew.
- Lasting implications:
 - How is Andrew a better model for church most leaders than Peter?
 - Do our leaders at KG more resemble Andrew or Peter?
 - What person do you credit for inviting you to church or sharing the gospel with you?
 - Quote from p. 70 – who in our church fits this description?

•John 1:35-42

- What did Jesus say to Andrew and the others?
- What did they say to him?
- What is implied by the reference to the time of day John includes in this description?
- How much time do you think they spent in conversation with Jesus, where he lodged?
- How does Jesus still invite to “come and see?”
- What actions can you take to spend more time with Jesus?

•Matthew 3:1-6

- How does Matthew describe John the Baptist?
- Why was John such a phenomenon?
- If Andrew was a follower of John, was he willing to embrace the lifestyle of John? Why?
- Andrew’s name means *manly*. How does his temperament live up to that name?
- Peter was driven; Andrew was laid-back. Which do you more resemble?
- Andrew left the business for a cause. What cause would people say has captivated you?

•Matthew 4:18-22

- Why were Peter and Andrew fishing?
- What appears to be difference from John 1?
- How significant is the word “immediately?”
- Describe two decisions or actions based on God’s word that you did “immediately.”
- When have you sensed God calling you to lay down your work and spend time with him?
- What does “following Jesus” mean today?
- What is your following Jesus status?

•John 6:8-13

- What fact did Andrew bring to Jesus’ attention?
- Why was Andrew interested in the boy with his lunch?
- How much food was left over?
- What intrigues you the most in this miracle?
- Describe a time in our church when a seemingly insignificant action paved the way for a major accomplishment or blessing to many.
- When did God last use a little to bring about a huge result?

•Mark 9:33-37

- Why did the disciples hesitate to tell Jesus what they had been discussing on the road?
- How did Jesus’ definition of greatness differ from the disciples?
- What were the two unexpected illustrations of greatness Jesus used?
- Jesus followed this standard (Mark 10:43-45). How is “follow me” more than just walking behind him
- What is it about servanthood that is hard to swallow for most people?