

Pastoral Answers to Life's Questions: How Can I Share My Faith More Easily?

90% of us have never had the joy of leading someone to Christ, partially because we feel that sharing their faith is too complicated.

THE APOSTLE ANDREW'S EVANGELISM STRATEGY OPEN YOUR TRANSFORMED LIFE TO OTHERS!

John 1:35-42 Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked upon Jesus as He walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. And Jesus turned, and beheld them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to Him, "Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." They came therefore and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He found first his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

I. Andrew's Personality

John 1:40 "...one of the two who heard John speak...Andrew, Simon Peter's brother."

Andrew= "most ordinary" of the ordinary apostle. Andrew = "The saint of the rank and file." (Peter Marshall) Andrew = "Simon Peter's brother..." (John 1:40) Andrew = The invitational disciple Andrew = the first-called Andrew = The Apostle of the Private Life

II. Andrew's Conversion

John 1:35-36 Again the next day John (i.e. John the Baptist) was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked upon Jesus as He walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. And Jesus turned, and beheld them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to Him, "Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." They came therefore and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

A. God Used A Respected Associate to Reach Andrew

Because of his respect for John the Baptist Andrew listened and responded to John the Baptist when he pointed out Jesus as the Lamb of God.

B. God Used a Redemptive Analogy to Reach Andrew

Redemptive Analogy = Drawing attention to spiritual matters using that which is familiar to a person.

Every Jewish person understood what was meant by Jesus being called "The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

When we are taking with people about the Gospel we must try to connect with the world in which they are living, without compromising the truth of the Gospel.

Learning the Language of People's Interests

C. God Used A Relational Approach to Reach Andrew

80% of the millions who have come forward to receive Christ at evangelistic crusades were brought by a friend or casual acquaintance.

Who was your Andrew?

God loves to use human relationships to bring people into a divine relationship with Jesus.

III. Andrew's Concern

After Andrew met Jesus his first great concern was to bring others to Jesus Christ.

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1. His priority — "He found *first* his own brother..."

2. His procedure — "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means Christ). He brought him to Jesus."

Andrew's Super-Simple Evangelistic Technique (A.S.S.E.T.)

Step #1. Go to where they are.

Step #2. Tell them what you know.

Step #3. Help them to see the truth for themselves.

B. Andrew introduces others to Jesus

"Our vision is to know, experience and share our hope in Jesus Christ!"

John 12:20-22 Now there were certain Greeks among those who were going up to worship at the feast; these therefore came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and began to ask him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip came and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip came, and they told Jesus.

There's a lot that can be said about helping each other in reaching the lost...because sometimes the people closest to us won't listen. — "The prophet in his own home is without honor."

C. Andrew introduces the world to Jesus

Andrew He dedicated his life to sharing the gospel with the world

Concluding Challenge:

• The story of Reverend John Harper — "The Titanic's Last Hero"

God loves to use ordinary people in extraordinary ways in the most unusual of circumstances!

"Lord, make me an invitational disciple, just like Andrew!"

• The Story of Charlotte Elliott