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DISCIPLES

“Andrew - Bringing People To Jesus”

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I. Andrew’s Journey to Jesus

- A. The _____
- B. Learning from _____

John 1:19b-20 “when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, ‘I am not the Christ.’”

John 1:23 “So they said to him, ‘Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’ He said, ‘I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord,”’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

C. Becoming a _____ of Christ

John 1:35-37 “The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.”

John 1:38-39 “Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, ‘What are you seeking?’ And they said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and you will see.’ So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.”

• A Life Changing Question– “What Are You Seeking?”

John 1:40 “One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.”

II. Andrew Brings People to Jesus

A. Bringing His _____to Jesus

John 1:41-42 “He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which 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 means Peter).”

1. The _____ of Andrew to Bring His Family to Jesus

John 1:41a “He first found his own brother Simon… ”

Luke 24:47 “and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

- 2. The _____ of Andrew
 - a. _____ People Out

John 1:41a “He first found his own brother Simon… ”

- b. _____ People In

John 1:42a “He brought him to Jesus… ”

- c. _____ What You Have Found

John 1:41 “He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which means Christ).”

3. The _____ of Andrew

Matthew 4:18-20 “While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.”

B. Bringing a _____ to Jesus

John 6:8-9 “One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ‘There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?’”

C. Bringing Some _____ to Jesus

John 12:20-23 “Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.’”

III. Andrew was _____ for Bringing People to Christ



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1. Familiarize Yourself With the Passage

- a. Read John 1:35-42
- b. Read and study the context around the narrative

2. Introduction to the Passage (Feel free to use this as a reference guide as you discuss the passage)

- a. Literary Context: According to the gospel of John, Andrew and possibly John are the first of the twelve disciples to hear about the coming of Jesus. Andrew's relationship to John the Baptist as his disciple provided Andrew with this insight about the coming Messiah's identity (John 1:35, 40). The calling of Andrew and this other unknown disciple of John the Baptist (possibly the Apostle John) comes after John's declaration about Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Jesus has just been baptized and officially affirmed and commissioned by God the Father for his three-year ministry as Andrew and John decide to follow after Jesus (Matthew 3:16-17).
- b. Historical/Biblical Context: As we think about the disciples, it is important to discuss the 1st century notion of a disciple in the context of the Jewish world. The most basic definition of a disciple calls them a pupil or apprentice. "They are one who engages in learning through instruction..."¹ However, this definition does not do full justice to the term. Disciples would call their teachers "rabbi's" (John 1:38) among other names which means, "My great one."² Most rabbi's were scribes, which was a term for someone who went through several years of academic training in the Old Testament. They were given greater homage and honor than one's parents for the simple reason that parents brought people physically in the world, but rabbi's brought people into the eternal life to come through divine wisdom.³ Students had one goal: reproduce from their teacher the exact teaching and ideas to the upcoming generation, all the way down to the exact manner of the teacher's expression and choice of diction.⁴ It was normal behavior for anyone to rise from a seated position when a scribe passed by.⁵ The attitude of the disciple toward the rabbi was far more than honor and respect. They did not just admire their rabbi, they would abandon their family ideals and even the family itself, if needed, and choose to live the rest of their lives embodying the rabbi into themselves so that the rabbi lived on through them into the next generation (Mark 1:20; Luke 14:26).

3. Questions About the Passage

- a. What are some hints in this passage and others that inform us of the kind of person Andrew was (Matthew 4:18; 10:2; Mark 1:16, 29; 3:18; 13:3; Luke 6:14; John 1:40, 44; 12:22; Acts 1:13)?
- b. What is significant about Andrew's relationship to John the Baptist in comparison to Peter's who seemed to lack a relationship with John the Baptist?
- c. Andrew appears again in John 6:8-9 in the feeding of the 5000. What positive and/or negative observations can we glean from this account about Andrew?
- d. What do you think Andrew was seeking in following Christ (John 1:38)?

4. From the Passage to Life

- a. God used Andrew to bring Peter to Jesus. Who in your life could you bring to Jesus (i.e. either witnessing to them directly or bringing them to someone who could share Christ with them)?
- b. Since Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist, he could have had a unique anticipation (in comparison to Peter) about the first coming of Christ. Do you have an awareness and anticipation of the second return of Christ and how does it affect your life now (Note 1 John 2:28-29; 3:3; 2 Peter 3:11-12)?
- c. What are some reasons that people seek Jesus today? What is your motivation for seeking and following Jesus in your life? Are you seeking Jesus for the right reasons?

¹ Bauer, Danker, Arndt, Gingrich, A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature, 3rd ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000).

² Bruce M. Metzger, The New Testament: Its Background, Growth, & Content, 3rd ed. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2003), 58.

³ Metzger, The New Testament, 58.

⁴ Metzger, The New Testament, 61.

⁵ Joachim Jeremias, Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1969), 244.