

# GOOD NEWS

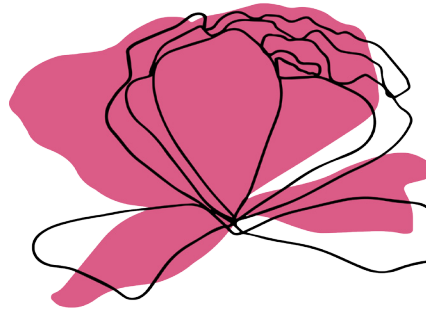
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## WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAH

“Follow Me,  
and I will  
make you  
fishers  
of men.”

Matthew 4:19



“And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.”

Matthew 4:23

MATTHEW 4:18-22 & JOHN 1:35-51

“And He said to him, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’”

John 1:51

# Andrew

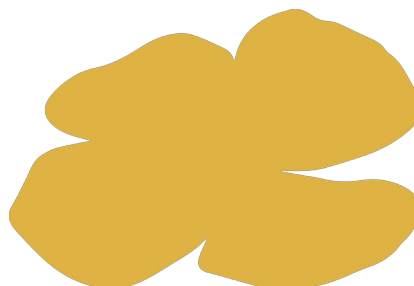
## IN OTHER NEWS

### TODAY'S WEATHER



POSSIBLE SNOW

Two cold fronts move in this week.  
Prepare for a hard frost.



### CAN ANYTHING GOOD COME OUT OF NAZARETH?

Israelite man questions claims that the promised Messiah has been found. Promises his own investigation into the facts.

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JOHN 1:35-51

We find Andrew being called to a new vocation to become Jesus' disciple. After meeting Jesus, Andrew was anxious to share this great news with his brother Peter, and also brought him to Jesus.

When Jesus called Andrew and Peter to not just fish, but to fish for the souls of men and for the Kingdom of God, no doubt they did not know what this challenge involved—hours of instruction, constant traveling—but they seemed not to hesitate and immediately followed Jesus.

I wonder how I would have taken on the challenge in that day. As a Christian, when we do take on the challenge to follow Christ in obedience and share the gospel, the reward is seeing God's love fill their hearts.

When we introduce someone to Jesus, as we have seen Andrew do, we don't always see the outcome, but it's God who wins them to Himself. It's our responsibility to tell others of His love for them.

I had an "Andrew" in my life, who approached me as a teenager and asked me if I had Jesus in my heart and knew that I had a home in heaven. As a teenager, I just thought that I certainly had Jesus in my heart, but I guess I didn't sound really sure. My "Andrew" said, "I will make you an appointment to meet with the pastor" who would tell me about Jesus—just like Andrew and Philip took Greeks to see Jesus.

I kept that appointment and then understood that Jesus loved me, and I could live for Him. I asked Jesus into my heart, and over the years, I have kept growing in His Word and learning how to share my faith with others.

The Bible's Andrew was a good learner, listener, and a witness for others as he sat under Jesus' teachings. These are characteristics that should be found in us.

We learn by reading God's Word, asking sharp, incisive questions that help us know the difference between understanding and confusion.

Our goal is to share our testimony. "*We have found the Messiah,*" as Andrew said to Peter, and brought him to the Lord.

1. Where did Andrew live and what was his occupation? (John 1:44, Matthew 4:18-20)
2. Who was Andrew the Apostle's brother? (Circle one)
  - a. Matthew
  - b. Mark
  - c. Peter
  - d. John
3. Whose ministry was Andrew following before Jesus, and what did Andrew do for his brother? (John 1:32-42)
4. In the "Feeding of the 5,000," how did Philip's response compare to Andrew's response? (John 6:5-11)
5. When Andrew is mentioned by name in the gospels, what is usually happening? (Circle one)
  - a. Someone is sinning
  - b. Romans are approaching
  - c. He brings someone into a relationship with Christ
  - d. People are fishing nearby

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JOHN 1:35-51

6. What do you see as Andrew's passion? Why?
7. What does it take on our part to have a passion for something?
8. Would you describe Andrew as a "behind the scenes" or an "out in front" person?
9. Can both of these personalities be effective in witnessing? Why?
10. It's been said that Andrew had an intimate relationship with Jesus. How would you describe an intimate relationship with Jesus?
11. How would you define what a **witness** is?
12. List things that could stop us from witnessing. How do you overcome them?
13. What central theme should we focus on when witnessing? (1 Corinthians 2:2-5, 15:3-5)
14. Jesus said, "*I will make you become fishers of men,*" in Mark 1:16-17. How did Jesus make them into "fishers of men"?
15. List specific things you can do to prepare to witness to someone.
16. What does it mean to "bear fruit?" (John 15:4-5)
17. As a believer, what does John 15:16-17 say to you?
18. What is God's commandment to the believer? (John 15:9-10)
19. What part will the Holy Spirit help us with in witnessing? (Luke 12:12)

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20. What encouragement do you find mentioned in Philippians 4:4-7?

26. Write out a verse that will help you in witnessing. You never know when the Lord will bring someone to you who needs the love of the Savior.

21. We may face doubts or fear in witnessing. What does Jesus promise us? (Philippians 4:13)

22. In Acts 1:8, what is Jesus asking of you?

27. Who has Jesus placed upon your heart to share the gospel with or to be an influence to? Write their name down. Pray for them. Ask God to prepare you.

23. What does 1 Peter 3:15 encourage the believer to do?

24. What have you learned about Andrew that will affect your witnessing?

25. Look up each verse that helps the believer in witnessing. Write down what stands out to you in each verse.

a. Romans 3:23

b. Romans 6:23

c. Romans 5:8

d. Romans 10:9-10, 13

e. John 1:12

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## MY EVANGELISM JOURNAL

“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.”

Hebrews 10:24-25  
NLT

### THE RETURN OF THE LORD IS DRAWING NEAR!

We spent our Fall semester writing letters to answer a “Dear Abigail” column, to help us understand how to share the GOOD NEWS! Now we are putting into action what we have practiced.

Answer the following questions each week and share in your group time that you may encourage one another!

1. Pray and ask the Lord to put someone on your heart that needs to know about the GOOD NEWS! (It may be a stranger that will cross your path.) Write their name here.

2. *Each* morning, pray that God will open your eyes to opportunities. Write any opportunities you had this week.

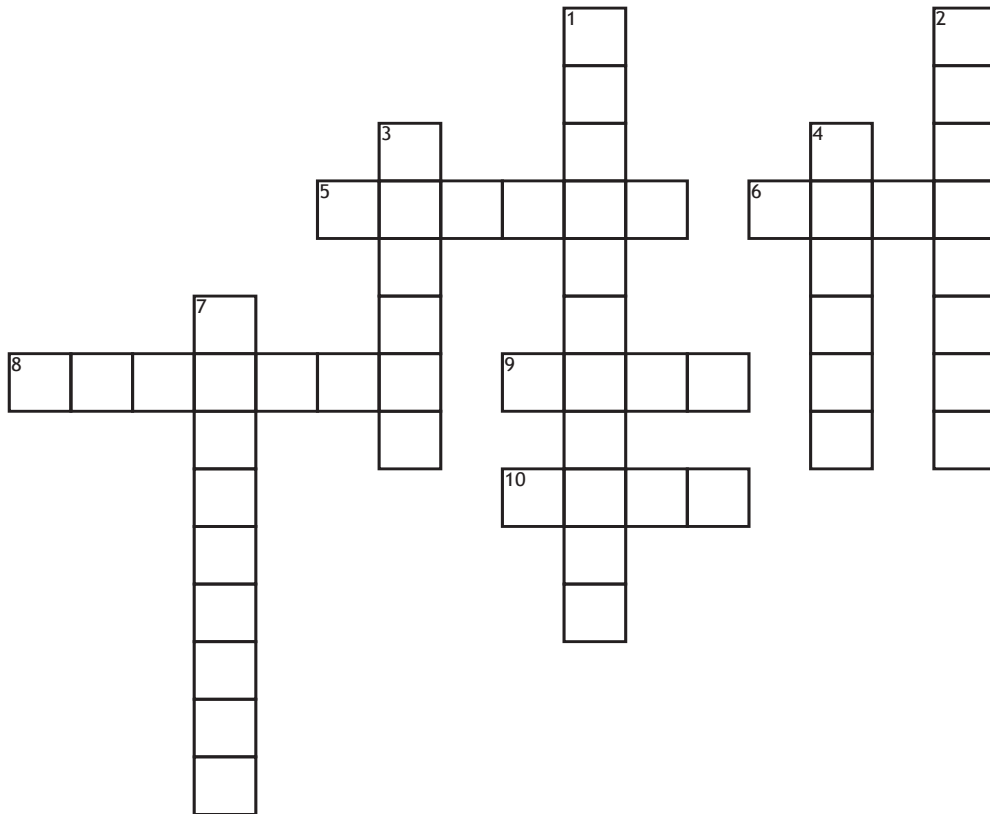
3. What have you learned about yourself this week as you shared the GOOD NEWS? Was it easier than you thought? More difficult? Did you miss an opportunity?

4. *Praise* the Lord for what He taught you about evangelism this week. Would you have changed your approach? *Continue* to pray for those you shared with, and *trust* the Holy Spirit to continue the work. *Confess* if you felt afraid or weak or if you avoided sharing altogether and then *start afresh* next week. He is FAITHFUL!

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

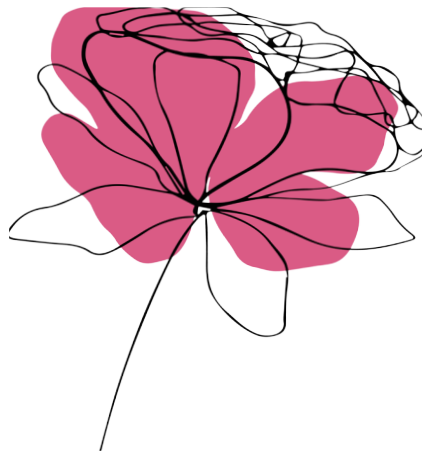
Hint: All of the answers to the clues are found in this week's Scriptures

## ANDREW



ACROSS

5. Cry out
6. Vessel propelled on water
8. Sea of \_\_\_\_\_
9. Throw forcefully
10. Repair



DOWN

1. At once; instantly
2. Not sisters
3. A man's relationship to his child
4. Come after
7. To catch fish for a living

