

WON BY ONE!

A LOOK AT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

“The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God!’ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, ‘What do you want?’ They said, ‘Rabbi’ (which means ‘Teacher’), ‘where are you staying?’ ‘Come,’ he replied, ‘and you will see.’ So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus...” *John 1:35-42 (NIV)*

Points for consideration:

- **The Lamb of God – what is the significance?**
John uses this phrase on more than one occasion.
John is pointing people to Jesus as the one who brings salvation.
- **The Questioning – the phrasing is important.**
Jesus asks what, as if they are pursuing a ‘thing.’ It turns out that the ‘thing’ is a person, Jesus!
- **Andrew’s response – is to follow the model that John the Baptist offered. Peter found his brother and _____ him to Jesus.**

3 Lessons from the life of Andrew

1. _____ people matter.

John 6:5-9: Andrew brings a young boy to Jesus.

John 12:20-22: Philip & Andrew bring some Greeks to Jesus.

Andrew’s ministry is characterized by bringing people to Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit – a ministry of reconciliation.

2. _____ gifts should not be overlooked.

Picking up the story in John 6 again we see the value of the young boys’ contribution.

Andrew found the only available food source and brought it to Jesus.

This is key – it is not the gift as much as it is the hands that it is placed in. In Jesus’ hands the gift multiplies!

3. _____ service has value.

Andrew is a behind-the-scenes type of guy!

Andrew didn’t preach to multitudes, plant a church or write an Epistle, yet he saw the importance of reaching people with the message of the Gospel – in the person of Jesus.

Andrew’s Life Verse:

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” *Acts 1:8 (NIV)*

Big Idea: People are ‘_____!’