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## Lesson 14: The Evangelism of Andrew

Evangelism is not salesmanship. It is not urging people, pressing them, coercing them, overwhelming them, or subduing them. Evangelism is telling a message. Evangelism is reporting good news.

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Let's start by asking the question, "What decisions have I made that brought me to what and where I am today?"

What decisions do you regret and which are you pleased with?

Did your major decisions take you to where you thought they would?

Matthew 5, Mark 1: v 14-20, Luke 5: v 1-11 all describe Andrew as a fisherman. Yet Andrew seemed to have a desire to know God. Observe and discuss from these passages the character of Andrew.

Andrew had many choices he could make including whether to remain with John the Baptist or to follow Jesus – two good choices. One was better than most but the other was best.

Did Andrew understand the ramifications of his big decision? What if Andrew had "decided" not to follow Jesus?

Describe why you believe Jesus might have called Andrew to come and follow him as a disciple.

**Jesus saw that Andrew was young and able, already a disciple of John, and previously searching for the Messiah. What would he see in you?**

If you were looking for a disciple to follow you, what characteristics would you try to see in others?

Do you see those same characteristics in yourself?

If “everyone” was “somebody’s” disciple, whose disciple would others say you were?

John's gospel refers to Andrew as a Disciple of John (John 1:37). Analyze the word “Follow” taken from John 1:37-39. To what extent did Andrew follow John the Baptist? v35.

Compare that to the way he was willing to follow Christ afterwards. Upon John the Baptist proclaiming Jesus to be the Christ Andrew left everything to follow Him, including John the Baptist.

In the world today, where do you see the most extreme commitment?

What would happen if the church was full of disciples as committed as certain other worldly ideologies?

During Andrew's development in a Christian walk of faith what role did John the Baptist play in helping transform Andrew from being a mere fisherman to later becoming one of the 12 disciples?

John the Baptist came to prepare the way of the Lord. He, like Jesus, became a teacher and led his followers into the way of truth. John's teaching was instrumental in strengthening Andrew's faith. Did you have a role model(s) growing up? Describe them.

Can you point to a person or persons who helped develop your Christian character?

Are you anyone's role model or mentor? Would you like to be?

In **John 1:35-42** draw a conclusion concerning Andrew's recognition of Christ and how Jesus changed his life forever.

Do most people understand how one big decision can and should control all of your "little" decisions?

Are most "decisions" for Christ translated into decisions regarding evangelism, morality, stewardship etc.?

In verse 38 Jesus asked the two disciples what they sought out from him. Why were they seeking him out?

Andrew saw Jesus, followed him and spent the day with him. So if someone came to spend the whole day with you, how likely would they be to see something worth following?

What is apt to happen when someone is an audience to your casual and unguarded moments?

Examine their answer in asking Jesus where he was staying. Open this up for discussion.

Define Evangelism as seen in this passage.

What evidence or series of events led Andrew to faithfully share with his brother that Jesus is the Christ? (Ref v41).

Notice the enthusiasm, urgency, anticipation and joy in his approach to Simon. With what attitude do we witness within our community?

If you were a non-Christian, what in your over-all conduct would make someone want what you have?

Are you glad you have what you do, and how do you convey your blessings?

How did Andrew evangelize others?

**John 1:35** Andrew shared Jesus with Simon. He invited and brought Simon to come see him, John 6:8 seeking to serve and also seeking from Jesus how to feed so many. John 12:20-22 opened a door of opportunity for these Gentile proselytes to see Jesus in such a diverse crowd of believers and non-believers.

Give a comparison of each account.

How many of your church friends are stand outs both in the public arena (on display) as well as with their most intimate friends and family?

Which (if either) is the most important?

Through these passages we clearly see how our Lord used John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus. Along the way came Andrew who would be transformed into one of the 12 disciples. Evangelism comes in many forms. It is evident that Andrew was not an educated or a religious man yet he effectively served God so our Lord might be glorified and he led others to Jesus by way of testifying and by his faith in Christ. How then can we take these teachings and help fulfill the Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20) in our own lives?

With a few loaves and fishes, Andrew was able to be instrumental in feeding a multitude. What made that “small” thing turn into a huge blessing?

What “small” ministry are you performing today, have you asked God to bless it, and are you expecting it to feed a multitude?

**Modern day example of an Evangelistic heart: David Maedgen**

David Maedgen has an ease about him in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with others. He has led people to Christ in his role as an elder at the church. He is able to strike up conversations easily with people on the plane when he travels for business, at holiday events or at church-wide outreach events. He typically just jumps into a gospel conversation by asking, "If you were to die today, do you know where you would go?" He then listens and begins to proclaim the message of the gospel and who Jesus is and how He came to save us from our sins

