

Twelve Ordinary Men- How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness and What He Wants to Do With You

Chapter 3- Andrew The Apostle of Small Things
John 1:35-42, John 6:8-13, John 12: 20-22

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I. The Characteristics of Andrew

1. Identify at least 16 characteristics of Andrew described on pages 61-67.
2. Which of these characteristics is important for reaching people with the good news of the gospel ?

II. Outline of Chapter 3

A. Andrew saw the value of individual people-Review pages 67-70

1. When it came to dealing with people , for example, Andrew fully appreciated the value of a single soul. He was known for bringing individuals, not crowds to Jesus. Almost every time we see him in the gospel accounts, he is bringing someone to Jesus.
2. At the feeding of the multitude, it was Andrew who brought the boy with the loaves and fishes to Jesus.
3. The account of John 12:20-22 illustrates that Philip knew Andrew could introduce the Greeks to Jesus, he apparently knew Jesus well and had no insecurities about bringing others to meet him.
4. Andrew brought Peter to Christ making him the first home missionary and he brought Greeks to Christ -making him the first foreign missionary.
5. There are few who like Andrew understand the value of befriending just one person and bringing him or her to Christ.

B. Andrew saw the value of insignificant gifts- Review pages 71-73

1. The account of the feeding of the multitude highlights the value of the insignificant.
2. The money available was not enough to feed the multitude.
3. Philip was overwhelmed by the need.

4. Philip and the other disciples were at a loss to know what to do.
5. The hour was late and they were in a desert place and they thought it best to send the multitude away.
6. Andrew understanding the value of the insignificant spoke and said “ There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish”-John 6:9
7. Andrew knew the loaves and fish would not feed the multitude, however, he brought the boy to Jesus anyway.
8. Andrew believed that Jesus’ command to feed the multitude would be accomplished.
9. Andrew identified the only food available.
10. Andrew believed that the smallest thing though insignificant, in the hands of Jesus is transformed into that which is significant and more than enough.

C. Andrew saw the value of inconspicuous service-Review pages 73-75

1. Andrew is never named as a participant in the big debates.
2. Andrew was more concerned about bringing people to Jesus than about who got the credit or who was in charge.
3. Andrew had little craving for honor. We never hear him say anything unless it related to bringing someone to Jesus.
4. Andrew is the very picture of all those who labor quietly in humble places- “ Not with eye service, as men-pleasers, but as bond-servants of Christ , doing the will of God from the heart.”-Ephesians 6:6.
5. Andrew was not an impressive pillar like Peter, James and John. He was an humble stone. He was one of those rare people who is willing to take second place and to be in the place of support. He did not mind being hidden as long as the work was being done.

III. Questions and review-Chapter 3

1. What 4 indicators listed on page 63 imply that Andrew had the right heart to be used effectively in the background ?
2. Why does the author claim that Andrew is a better model for most church leaders than Peter ?

3. On page 68 the author indicates that most people come to Christ because of the influence of an individual. Why do you think that is the case? Who do you credit for sharing Christ with you or did you respond after a sermon ?
4. Andrew and the other three fishermen followed Jesus immediately. What does it mean today when Jesus commands someone to follow him ? Review Mark 10: 43-45 to inform your answer.
5. When was the last time God used something insignificant to pave the way for a major accomplish for Pleasant Branch ?
6. It takes a special kind of person to be a leader with a servant's heart, Andrew was like that.
7. Andrew never wrote an epistle. He is not mentioned in the book of Acts or any of the epistles. Andrew is more of a silhouette than a portrait on the pages of Scripture.
8. The Bible does not record what happened to Andrew after Pentecost. Whatever role he played in early church history, he remained behind the scenes.
9. Andrew had a whole lifetime of privilege , doing what he loved best; introducing individuals to the Lord.
10. Andrew's legacy is the example he left to show us that in effective ministry it's often the little things that count- the individual people, the insignificant gifts, and the inconspicuous service.