

Text: John 1:35-42; 6:1-14; 12:20-22

Objective: To motivate the congregation to REACH OUT to others by involvement in Operation Andrew.

Operation Andrew-What does It Take to To Bring People to Jesus?

Andrew specialized in bringing people to Jesus

- 1. Andrew’s Characteristics:** John 1:40
Andrew was never known as a great teacher, preacher or scholar.
 - A. His Name:** Andrew means “man”. He was the ordinary disciple.
 - B. His Notoriety:** Andrew is a little-known disciple. He is often referred to as “Simon Peter’s brother”. But we must remember it was Andrew who brought Peter to Jesus.
- 2. Andrew’s Conversion:** John 1:35-39
Andrew met Jesus through the witness of his friend John The Baptist.
 - A. God Used a Respected Associate:** Andrew believed John’s witness concerning Jesus because they were friends.
 - B. God Used a Redemptive Analogy:** John used an analogy every Jewish person understood: “the lamb of God”. The great difference was this “Lamb” would “take away”, and not just cover sin.
 - C. God Used a Relational Approach:** John/Andrew/Jesus. 80% of those who respond at a Billy Graham Crusade are brought by a friend. God uses relationships to bring people into a relationship with Jesus.
- 3. Andrew’s Concern:** John 1:40-42; 6:8; 12:20-22
After Andrew met Jesus, his great concern was to bring others to Jesus.
 - A. He Brought Simon Peter To Jesus:** 1:40-42
 1. His Priority: the first thing.
 2. His Procedure: find, tell, bring.
 - B. He Brought a Boy to Jesus:** Young people will come to Jesus if we bring them: John 6:8.
 - C. He Brought Greeks to Jesus:** God wants us to reach out to those who may be different than we are: John 12:20-22.

Lessons From Andrew:

- God uses ordinary people in extraordinary ways.
- Truth has impact in the context of friendship.
- Every believer can minister as Andrew did.

Explain the steps involved in Operation Andrew:

- A.** Have your congregation take time to list at least two names of people they are willing to pray for and invite to church.
- B.** Encourage each person to begin developing friendships with those for whom they are praying.
- C.** Pray together and ask God to help the congregation reach out.