

the **FOLLOWERS**

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Elevation | 10:45 am
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The Followers: Andrew John 1:35-42, 6:8-9, 12:20-26

First, Andrew was a follower. John 1:35-40

“Again the next day John (the Baptist) was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.” - John 1:35-37
(parenthetical statement added)

- Before Andrew did any ministry work, he was a follower of John the Baptist and then a follower of Jesus.

Second, Andrew was a bringer. John 1:41-42

“He found first his own brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which translated means Christ). He brought him to Jesus.” - John 1:41-42a

- Andrew brings his brother, Peter, and then Peter makes a huge impact for the Kingdom of God. Your impact might not be the impact you directly make, but the investment you make in others.

Third, Andrew was a connector. John 6:8-9, 12:20-26

- John 6:8-9. Andrew still has doubts, but he presents the boy with the loaves and fishes to Jesus.
- John 12:20-26. When Philip wants to connect these people to Jesus, he goes through Andrew. Andrew connects people to Jesus.

Your calling isn't to be extraordinary, but to bring people to the One who is extraordinary.

LifeGroup Discussion:

1. Have you ever been jealous of someone else's impact for God like we would expect Andrew to feel about Peter?
2. How does Andrew's story of being a "bringer" and a "connector" inspire you to make an impact for the kingdom without doing something flashy or famous? Who has God made you to be?
3. Who connected you to Jesus? How can that inspire you to connect others?
4. Practice telling stories about Jesus as a group. Have a few people share a story about Jesus in the Scriptures and then tell the story of how they came to know Jesus personally.

Next Steps:

1. **To be discipled or to disciple someone else, join in on the 'Mentor Meetup' tonight at 7:00 pm in the Lobby.** As a follow up to our "Multiply" Discipleship Campaign, this is an intentional time to meet someone and begin a discipleship relationship. Dessert will be provided. Learn more at calvarylife.org/multiply
2. **Pray and consider: Who is someone in your life you can connect to Jesus?**
3. **Read a story of Jesus in the gospels.** Read it not to gain information, but instead, try to imagine what it would have been like to spend time with Jesus in the moment. Immerse yourself in the narrative and imagine that you are there watching on the sidelines or are one of the characters. Get to know Jesus in a way that's different than just information and begin to really know Jesus as a friend that you can introduce to your friends.