**Twelve – Wk 2 – Andrew – The First Disciple - and Evangelist**

**We are walking in the footsteps of the disciples.**

**We are going to examine standout moments in their life with Jesus and what we can learn about being a disciple.**

**Mark 3:13 And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. 14 And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach 15 and have authority to cast out demons. (Last week)**

**16 He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); 17 James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); 18 Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, 19 and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.**

**They were not the most gifted or qualified by earthly standards; they were average - regular, unimpressive dudes.**

**God took these ordinary people and did extraordinary things.**

**THE TWELVE: All four gospels and Acts list the twelve.**

**The lists are slightly varied as nicknames and surnames were used.**

**1. Simon (Peter) - Son of Jonah / 2. Andrew (Simon's brother)**

**3. James - Son of Zebedee / 4. John (James’s brother)**

**5. Philip / 6. Bartholomew (Nathanael)**

**7. Matthew (Levi) / 8. Thomas (Didymus = the twin)**

**9. James / 10. Jude (Judas/Joses/Thaddeus)**

**11. Simon (the Zealot) / 12. Judas Iscariot (the traitor)**

**They were called as disciples and became Apostles.**

**They started out as learners; they ended up as messengers.**

**You will be surprised along the way. For example, several of the disciples were actually family members of Jesus.**

**\*\* Today, the first disciple – can you guess who it is?**

**Some think Peter was the first. But it was his brother, Andrew.**

**What do we know about Andrew? (my middle name – manly)**

* **Andrew's brother is Simon Peter.**
* **He and his brother have a fishing business and live together.**
* **He was a disciple of John the Baptist (with John)**
* **He was exposed to Jesus' miracles before he followed him.**
* **He was looked up to by some other disciples. (Jo 12)**
* **He was all about connecting people to Jesus.**
* **He is the first disciple and recorded evangelist.**

**Matthew and Mark describe Jesus calling Andrew and Peter to follow at the same time – but we learn more about him in John.**

**(His first encounter with Jesus – Bethany location) John 1:35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”**

**At this point, Jesus had already been baptized, tempted in the wilderness, and was preaching the kingdom of God.**

**37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. (they left John B. to know Jesus) 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” (What is your intention in following me? Are you looking for a soldier or savior?)**

**And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “Where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” (love that!) So, they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. (John remembered exactly - it was at about 4pm)**

**40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. (Plot thickens – history identifies John as the other disciple – Andrew and John are friends)**

**41 He (Andrew) first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). (Explains the word for Greek readers) 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon, the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter). (The nickname Jesus gives Simon - I’m going to call you “The Rock”)**

**After that first meeting, they followed Jesus occasionally, but life continued. They still had their day job fishing.**

**This is a lot to process. Is he truly the Messiah?**

**Andrew, Simon, (brothers) James, and John (brothers) were all working – fishing that day together – When Jesus shows up at work…**

**At work at the Sea of Galilee.**

**BTW - Why would Jesus call so many fishermen to His side?**

**\* Fishermen had incredible work ethics. They did not sit around. They sorted their catch, prepared for a catch, or fixed their equipment. The Lord saw those who were not afraid to work hard and get hands dirty.**

**\* Fishermen can provide a sustainable food source. We see this throughout the gospels – and Jesus loved fish!**

**\* Fishermen work well with others. They know how to work as a team**

**\* Fishermen are known to be patient. As a result, they don’t give up easily. They listen & learn from others and know when to cast the nets.**

**They understood the patience it takes to “catch people.”**

**\* To confound the wise. To display God’s power to use common people**

**Harmony of the Gospels. By the time Jesus sees them again… (map)**

**Before Jesus showed up at work, a lot had happened that year.**

**- Jesus had been tempted in the wilderness.**

**- Jesus had been baptized in Bethany by John the Baptist**

**- Jesus is pointed out by John B. in Bethany as the Lamb of God.**

**Andrew and John spend a day with Jesus in Bethany.**

**Andrew then introduces Jesus to Simon.**

**- Jesus returns to Galilee – performs the Cana miracle at a wedding.**

**- Jesus is rejected in Nazareth (nearly killed) and moves to Capernaum.**

**- Jesus is preaching the kingdom, and crowds follow him.**

**- Jesus casts out devils and does miracles.**

**- Andrew & Simon witness Simons’ mother-in-law healed by Jesus.**

**The gospel of John tells us this is over the course of a year. They knew Jesus – kind of believed… but still, life went on.**

**Matthew 4:18 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew, his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. (A year of knowing Jesus – and they were finally all in)**

**Luke gives a longer story of this event.**

**(Jesus asked Simon if he could use his boat to preach to those on the shore) Luke 5:4 And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, (Simon the boss and older brother) “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” 5 And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word, I will let down the nets.” (there is nothing out there – but we trust you.)**

**6 And when they (Simon and Andrew) had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. 7 They (Simon and Andrew) signaled to their partners in the other boat (John and James) to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” 9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on, you will be catching men.” 11 And when they had (Andrew, Simon, James, and John) brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.**

**Four friends and work partners left it all and followed Jesus. The closeness of their relationships led to comical arguments over who was the greatest. \*\* Andrew was never involved…**

**Lessons From The Disciple Andrew**

1. **He was hungry for God**

**He was seeking and hungry to know God – and the will of God.**

**He wanted to know God’s plans and purpose. As a disciple of John, he was looking for the kingdom that was soon coming.**

**“I just want to know you and what you are doing!”**

**Are you hungry? That is my prayer for you often.**

1. **He was sincerely seeking after Jesus**

**He did not just think about it – he pursued it. When his mentor pointed to Jesus, he quickly investigated who Jesus was.**

**He was inquisitive about spiritual matters. Andrew was an interested seeker, then a follower, who became a disciple.**

**Heb 11:6 And without faith, it is impossible to please God. For anyone who approaches Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.**

**Matthew 7:7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.**

**James 4:8 - Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you…**

**Are you genuinely seeking him? Or is it a passive interest?**

1. **He was in no hurry with Jesus**

**He was in no hurry. He spent the afternoon with Jesus, listening and asking questions.**

**People are so rushed to read the bible – get the plan done. Get service over, get quite time over - Jesus, I’ll give you 15 minutes a day max and 30 min sermon on Sunday. Slow down – spend time with Jesus.**

**We do that by spending time in the Bible. A disciple cannot expect to know and grow with Jesus without reading the Word.**

**2 Peter 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.**

**Are you rushed? Do you pause and spend time with Jesus?**

**We are often so rushed to get our day going – that we don’t spend time with Jesus. Take it from Andrew: slow down - be with Jesus.**

1. **He intentionally told others about Jesus**

**He was not passive about it – he was intentional and urgent about it. Let’s take a look at his initial process:**

**John 1:41 He first found his own brother Simon…**

* **Sharing Jesus starts at home**

**He told those who he most loved and wanted to know - his bro**

**Start in your home – your family – your spouse – your kids – your siblings. Interestingly, the first four disciples were two sets of brothers.**

**John 1:41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ).**

* **(Just) Tell people what you know**

**He did not wait until he had it all figured out, had a degree, and went to a lot of Bible studies. He believed Jesus was the Messiah – and quickly told others.**

**Start with what you know - seek answers with them.**

**John 1:42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon, the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).**

* **All we are responsible for is to introduce them**

**We introduce them to Jesus – we can’t save them. That’s not our role. That is between them and Jesus.**

**This is how most come to Jesus. A Peter has an Andrew who simply introduced them to Jesus.**

**Cool story with Andrew - John 12:20-21 Some Greeks approach Phillip about meeting with Jesus. Phillip goes to Andrew. They then go see Jesus. Can these Greeks come to you too? Jesus responds with “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified” (12:23). - Referring to the cross and the opportunity for “fish of every kind” (Matt 13:47-50) to come to him.**

**Andrew was one of the first to be involved in the effort to reach beyond Jewish people. He had a heart to tell individuals of the world about Jesus.**

**He doesn’t show up much in the NT – but when he does, he is bringing people to Jesus.**

1. **He did not mind being in the background**

**He was always second to Peter. Sometimes, he was there with Peter and was not mentioned. Unlike Peter – he did not draw attention.**

**He is most seen one-on-one with people. He was a relational evangelist. While Peter preached to the crowd.**

**He saw unique and simple gifts in others.**

**He pointed out a young boy's humble gift of loaves and fishes, something Jesus would use to feed the multitude.**

**He is known as the connecter – he connected people to each other and to Jesus - had no problem being behind the scenes.**

1. **He chose Jesus over everything**

**Matt 4:19 - Jesus said to them: “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men”**

**(A call to a new profession – disciples who would become the Apostles) 20 Immediately, they left their nets and followed him.**

**Luke 5:11 And when they (Andrew, Simon, James, and John) had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him. (They even left that miraculous catch.)**

**Andrew chose Jesus over his mentor John the Baptist.**

**Andrew chose Jesus over his brother Peter. What would he think?**

**Andrew chose Jesus over his family. It was not going to stop him.**

**Andrew chose Jesus over his job.**

**In leaving behind the family business, Andrew sets a good example for all who would follow Christ; we are all called to**

**“seek first his kingdom and his righteousness” (**[**Matthew 6:33**](https://www.bibleref.com/Matthew/6/Matthew-6-33.html)**)**

**After three years at JCU and after the resurrection, he was filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2) and took the Gospel to the world!**

**What happened to Andrew:**

* **Andrew the Evangelist: (MAP)**

**History records that he went to Greece and Asia Minor (Turkey) and the foothills of present-day Georgia, Europe, the Baltic Sea, and Greece.**

**He preached to the Scythians as far as the Caspian Sea. (Russia). To this day, he is the patron saint of Russia, Romania, Ukraine, Greece, & Scotland.**

* **Andrew the Martyr:**

**It is recorded that while in southern Greece (Patros), he led the wife and brother of a Roman governor to Christ – infuriated, the gov. had Andrew crucified on an X-shaped cross.**

**He was not nailed to the cross, he was beaten and tied to that cross. He survived three days in excruciating torture, all the while telling those who passed by of Jesus. It is recorded that Andrew died on the last day of November, 69 AD.**

**Today, that X is referred to as the cross of St. Andrew - seen on many flags – from Scottish flag to Alabama,**

**Tradition tells us that when he was sentenced, he replied, “I would not have preached the honor and glory of the cross if I feared the death of the cross. My whole life has been for the cross.”**

**When he saw the cross that had been prepared for his execution, he broke out in joy. “Oh cross, most welcome and longed for, with a willing mind, joyfully and desirously, I come to you… Bring me quickly and diligently to the Master. Through you, He will receive me, He, Who through you has saved me.”**

**The day when Andrew first saw Jesus and walked behind him - we are given the very first recorded words of Jesus in the Gospel of John.**

**John 1:38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” - Jesus is asking you a similar question today.**

**What are you seeking? What are you chasing in life, the world, in church, and with Jesus? What is your motivation?**

**Are you just curious, or do you really want to know me?**

**And they (Andrew and the other) said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “Where are you staying?” (That is to say – we want to know more about you. Can we meet you at your house to talk?) 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.”**

**The second word recorded in John – “Come and you will see.”**

**He still says it to us today. This is your invitation.**

**Psalm 34:8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

* + **Prayer**