

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.