

Chapter Three: the Apostle of Small Things

One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ).

And he brought him to Jesus.

- John 1:40-42

- I. Andrew's Background
 - a. He is the least-known member of the most dominant _____.
 - b. This is a bit odd in light of the fact that he was the _____ to be called by Jesus.
 - c. He and _____ were lifelong _____ and business _____ with the Zebedee brothers. Together these men were the leaders of the Twelve.
 - d. It appears that the _____ brothers and the _____ brothers had taken a hiatus from their fishing business and were following _____ the _____ when Jesus first called them (John 1:35-42).
- II. Andrew's Introduction to Jesus
 - a. He met Jesus the day after John _____ Jesus and proclaimed Him to be the "_____ of _____."
 - b. When John the Baptist pointed Jesus out again, Andrew and John got the hint and went to meet Him. They spent the evening at His place in conversation, probably about the _____.
 - c. Based on this initial conversation with Jesus, Andrew believed that He was the _____ and immediately found _____ and brought him to Jesus.
- III. Andrew's Character
 - a. He lived his life in the _____ of his better-known brother (p. 63).
 - b. Apparently he did not _____ this fact.
 - c. He had the right heart for _____.
 - d. He was the least _____ of the first four apostles and also the most _____ (p. 63).

- IV. Andrew saw the _____ of individual people.
"Almost every time we see him in the Gospel accounts, he is bringing someone to Jesus."
- a. He brought _____ to Jesus (John 1:42).
 - b. He brought the boy with the _____ to Jesus (John 6:9).
 - c. He brought a group of _____ to Jesus (John 12:20-22). This makes Andrew the first _____.
 - d. Andrew's willingness to evangelize in the _____ is similar to the way the Edward Kimball had an impact for Christ.
- V. Andrew saw the value of insignificant _____. When the other disciples were at a loss for how to feed 5,000 hungry people, Andrew simply brought the little boy's gift to Jesus. As it turns out this was more than enough (p. 72).
- VI. Andrew saw the value of inconspicuous _____. Some people won't play in the band unless they can hit the big _____. James and John had that tendency. So did Peter. But not Andrew. He is never named as a participant in the big debates. He was more concerned about bringing people to Jesus than about who got the _____ or who was in _____. This is a lesson many _____ today would do well to learn.

We do not read about Andrew in the book of Acts. Church tradition says that he took the gospel north (which is why he is the patron saint of Russia and Scotland). He was ultimately crucified in Achaia, which is in southern Greece near Athens. By most accounts he hung on his cross for two days, exhorting passersby to turn to Christ for salvation.

Was Andrew slighted? No. He was privileged. He was the first to hear that Jesus was the Lamb of God. He was the first to follow Christ. His name will be inscribed, along with the names of the other apostles, on the foundations of the eternal city – the New Jerusalem. Best of all, he had a whole lifetime of doing what he loved best: introducing individuals to Jesus.

Thank God for people like Andrew. They're the quiet individuals, laboring faithfully but inconspicuously, giving insignificant, sacrificial gifts, who accomplish the most for the Lord. They don't receive much recognition, but they don't seek it. They only want to hear the Lord say, "Well, done."