

# *I am* **ANDREW**

Introduce a friend to Jesus Christ.

**Pastors,** here's a simple message outline you may wish to follow as you explain I am Andrew to your congregation. It's our prayer that this will inspire your church members to share the Gospel with their friends and family members through this initiative.

**TEXT:** John 1:35–42; 6:1–12; 12:20–22

**OBJECTIVE:** To motivate the congregation to get involved in I am Andrew.

**LESSON:** How can we introduce people to Jesus? Andrew showed us how to bring people to Jesus – one at a time.

## **1. ANDREW'S CHARACTERISTICS: JOHN 1:40**

Andrew was never known as a great teacher, preacher or scholar, and God never used him to write Scripture.

A. His name: Andrew means “man.” Peter Marshall called him the “Saint of the rank and file.”

B. His notoriety: Andrew was less well-known than some of the other disciples. He was 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 he was a respected friend.

B. God used a redemptive analogy: John used an analogy by referring to “the lamb of God.” The great difference was this Lamb would take away the sin of the world, not just cover sin.

C. God used a relational approach: John led Andrew to Jesus. Eighty percent of those who come forward at a BGEA evangelistic event are brought by a friend. God uses relationships to bring people into a relationship with Jesus.

## **3. ANDREW'S CONCERN: JOHN 1:40–42; 6:8–9; 12:20–22**

After Andrew met Jesus, his first priority was bringing others to Jesus.

A. He brought Simon Peter to Jesus, John 1:40–42

1. His priority: *the first thing*

2. His procedure: *find, tell, bring.* This involves intentionality.

B. He brought a boy to Jesus, John 6:8–9

C. He brought Greek people to Jesus, John 12:20–22

## **CONCLUSION – LESSONS FROM ANDREW:**

- God uses ordinary people in extraordinary ways.
- Truth is important in friendships.
- Everyone can minister as Andrew did.

## **EXPLAIN THE STEPS INVOLVED IN I AM ANDREW:**

A. Have your congregation take time to write down on their I am Andrew card at least one name they are willing to pray for and invite to the upcoming evangelistic event.

B. Have a time of prayer asking God to move in people’s lives in the days and months leading up to the Graham Tour.

