

already creating an understanding of the relationship they have with Jesus by calling him “Rabbi.” They are willing to place themselves into Jesus’ care as their teacher, mentor, Lord and Savior. Pastor Jack changed the context of the question in terms of saying that the disciples were searching and they wanted to know who Jesus was and how he was thinking about their shared faith and the ministry and mission Jesus was hoping to launch. It seems a right and fair thing to ask of a leader. If Jesus would have received that question in that context, how do you think he would have responded? What do you think? How would you like Jesus to answer that question? Pray for wisdom as you write your idea here.

Thursday, July 20

Read John 1:35-42; 6:1-11 and 12:20-33. These are the three example of Andrew bringing others to Jesus beginning with his brother, Simon Peter. Jesus, upon meeting Simon changed his name to Peter. These examples are the reason Andrew is dubbed “the bringer.” It is a wonderful blessing when members of a church are excited about their faith and the community in which they live their faith enough to invite others to “come and see” the ministry and mission of the church. When was the last time you invited someone to come to church with you? Have you ever intentionally begun a relationship for the sole purpose of introducing them to your Christian faith? What would you imagine you saying when offering such a conversation?

Friday, July 21

It was shared in the message that Andrew seemed contented to take “a behind the scenes, secondary position to others” allowing them to be in the limelight. Andrew was blessed in his ability to ring others to Jesus. How about you? Do you like to work “behinds the scene” or in a “secondary position?” Would you find that work meaningful? Pray about that calling and whether or not that might be your part in Christ’s mission and ministry today.

Message Notes – July 16, 2023

*The Twelve – Andrew the Bringer**

- I. Andrew hungered along with his people for a _____ who would proclaim the promises of God.
 - A. As a disciple of John, Andrew was likely to be present when the one of whom John was speaking came to John to be _____.
 1. John the Baptist was standing with two of his disciples and _____ walked by them.
 2. John proclaimed, “Look, here is the _____ of God!”
 - B. The two disciples _____ Jesus.
 1. Jesus asked, “What are you _____ for?”
 2. The disciples responded to this question by asking Jesus, “Rabbi, _____ are you staying?”
- II. Andrew was the first to believe in Jesus; the early church called him the *Protoclete* which means “_____.”
 - A. Andrew is known as the bringer because he brought others to Jesus, beginning with his _____.
 - B. Andrew was the disciple who brought the _____ _____ with the two small fish and five barley loaves to Jesus so that the 5,000 may be fed.

*John 1:35-42

- C. Andrew, certain that Jesus would want to meet the _____, brought them before Jesus.
- D. What I want you to recognize about Andrew is that his mission was to bring people to Jesus in an every growing circle of _____.
- E. There is a certain charm of Andrew because of his willingness to take a behind the scenes station in life, _____ position to others.

- III. Andrew went on to preach the Good News of Jesus the Christ around the shores of the Black Sea and throughout what is now _____ and _____.
- A. There is a third century document called the _____ of Andrew.
- B. Andrew was crucified on a cross form known as "crux decussata," which is an ____-shaped cross or a "saltire."
- C. St. Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen and _____.
- D. He is also the patron saint to several countries and cities including: _____, Romania, Russia, _____ and Patras.

Daily Devotional Guide

The following is a daily devotional and study guide meant to enhance your understanding of the message and grow as a Christian.

It is offered for your personal reflection or to share with others.

Monday, July 17

The message began with a scenario derived from the historical records of the time in which the disciple Andrew lived; the same time period in which Jesus lived. It was truly a time of the Jewish people being oppressed by the occupying forces of Rome. The prophetic voice of the Jewish people had been silent for over 400 years. Into that void came a very strange and outspoken man who came to be known as John the Baptizer. John was actually Jesus'

cousin born approximately six months before Jesus. John preached about a new life for his people; all they had to do was repent and change their lives. People flocked to be baptized by John. Baptism is a ritual that symbolizes death (submersion under the water) and rebirth (coming up out of the water). Andrew along with his people was ready for this new life proclaimed by John the Baptizer. How are you ready for new life? Are you willing to give up your old life? What changes are you willing to make in order to know God more deeply and follow Christ each day? Consider these questions and write your reflection here.

Tuesday, July 18

Read John 1:35-42. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist before he was a follower of Jesus the Christ. This should not be a surprise as John was always open and honest that he was heralding the coming of one who is greater than he; whose sandals he was unworthy to carry. So in the passage you just read as John stood with Andrew and another disciple (thought to be John), John proclaimed Jesus to be "The Lamb of God." Andrew and the other disciples followed Jesus.

When Jesus looked back at the two men, he asked, "What are you looking for?" (Verse 38) It is a great question as we consider our faith and develop a deeper understanding of our life on this earth. What are you looking for? What do you perceive to be your greatest need? What changes for your life do you desire? How would you answer Jesus' question? Contemplate these questions and write your thoughts here.

Wednesday, July 19

Read John 1:35-42. Yesterday we thought about the question that Jesus posed to Andrew and the other disciples, "What are you looking for?" Today let's consider the question that the two men asked of Jesus, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" The disciples are