

Philip seems to play the part of the naysayer while Andrew is possibility thinker. If indeed they were close, Andrew and Philip's relationship was probably beneficial to them both. Do you have a friend that is very different than you? How does that relationship affect your life? Does it open you to new ways of thinking? Do you appreciate the differences between you? Think about these questions and write your reflections here.

Thursday, August 17

Read John 12:19-22. Let's consider once again this story of the Greek wanderers wish to meet Jesus and wanting Philip to introduce them to him. We've already mentioned that they most likely approached Philip because his name is of Greek origin, but once again, Philip hesitates to think positively and bring others to Jesus. Do we not believe that God is for all people? Do we not believe that all people regardless of color, ethnic heritage, economic status or sexual orientation would benefit from a relationship with our loving God and Creator? We often seem so hesitant, like Philip, to approach people who are different from us. We forget that Jesus' Great Commandment is to go out and "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." We are to go out and make followers of Christ with people from all nations. What do you think that meant in Jesus' day? What do you think it means today? Write your ideas here.

Friday, August 18

It has been mentioned several times during the message and in these devotions how hesitant Philip was and yet God used him to share his message. Why are you hesitant? What keeps you from making a clear decision to follow Jesus and Jesus' directives to us? Pray on these questions and write your reflections here. Make a decision!

Message Notes – August 13, 2023

*The Twelve – Philip the Practical**

- I. When Jesus asked Philip where they could get some food for the crowd that had sought out Jesus on the other side of the Sea of Galilee, Philip said it would take _____ wages to feed this crowd!
 - A. While Philip was calculating the cost of feeding 5000, _____ was actually doing something for the people gathered.
 - B. Philip was originally from Bethsaida, the same home town of _____ and _____.
 1. While we do not know his family name, Philip is a Greek name which means "lover of _____."
 2. What we know about Philip is primarily known from _____ gospel.
 - C. We learned that soon after Philip came to believe in Jesus, Philip immediately went to another friend, _____, and he told him about Jesus.
 1. First, Jesus seemed to _____ Philip, not Philip _____ Jesus.
 2. Second, Philip did his _____!
- II. The feeding of the 5000 because it illustrates a _____ between Philip and Andrew that is found in another story.
 - A. Philip was _____ the cost of feeding the 5000 while Andrew was seeing what he could to begin to _____ this dilemma.
 - B. The lesson that Philip learned was to include _____ in his calculations.
 1. Philip was the man who took on the attitude that the situation was _____ and nothing can be done.

*John 6:1-14

2. Andrew rather said, "I'll see what I can do and leave the rest to _____."
- C. That is the same dynamic that played out when _____ wanderers wanted an audience with Jesus.
 1. They went to Philip to make that connection, most likely because Philip is a _____ name.
 2. Practical and cautious Philip – did not take them directly to Jesus. He had to _____ it over.
 3. This course of deliberation brought Philip to his _____, Andrew.

- III. The take away from Philip's life and this episode specifically is we can't afford to _____ in bringing others to Jesus.
- A. The final tale of caution and practicality is found when the disciples had gathered with Jesus for The _____ .
 1. Jesus told them, "If you know me, you will know my _____ also."
 2. Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be _____."
 3. Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not _____ me?"
 - B. Wow! Jesus really _____ Philip!

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, August 14

Read John 6:1-14. Nearly everyone, Christians and non-Christians alike, know the story of Jesus feeding the 5000. You can tell the importance of a Biblical passage by the repetition of that story, sometimes the details are shared over and over within the story and sometimes that story occupies space in different parts of the

Bible. The Feeding of the 5000 is the only miracle other than Jesus' resurrection that is found in all four gospels. Look over the details of this story carefully. What does this story tell you about the Apostle Philip? What does it say about Andrew? What does this story tell you about Jesus? Does this story communicate anything to you about the crowd? Contemplate these questions and write your reflections here.

Tuesday, August 15

Read John 1:43-46. The very first thing Philip does after being found by Jesus is to go to his friend, Nathaniel and to share that he had found the long awaited Messiah of the Jewish people. It is important to realize that this story begins with Jesus actually finding Philip rather than Philip searching for Jesus. Our God through Jesus the Christ meets us wherever we are in our lives! It is also important to realize how our lives are changed after we come into a relationship with God. Philip so appreciated the magnitude of this calling upon his life that he just had to share with his friend, Nathaniel. There are times when we get excited about something like a new TV program or recipe or restaurant and we can't wait to tell others about it. What if we were just as excited to share our relationship with God through Christ? If you were to share your faith with others, what would you say? What changes in your life can you point towards? To what can you witness when sharing your faith? Ponder these questions and write your ideas here.

Wednesday, August 16

Read John 6:1-14 and John 12:19-22. This is the second story we've read this week that tells of the interaction between Philip and Andrew. It seems likely that Philip and Andrew were friends and perhaps very dear to one another. After all, Andrew's brother, Peter, along with James and John are described as being in Jesus "Inner Circle." Wouldn't it make just as much sense that some of the disciples hung out with each other in smaller groups?