

Sunday, February 25, 2018 – Second Sunday of Lent

Sermon: Andrew – The Successful Fisherman

Read John 6:1-9



Last week we read about Andrew. He is the brother of Peter. He was one of the first disciples called by Jesus. Of the first four disciples he was the one who was not a part of the inner circle that went with Jesus during some of the big events in Jesus' life. When we read about Andrew he is bringing people to Jesus.



We read in John 1 that he was the one who brought Peter to see Jesus. Andrew was a follower of John the Baptist and was with John when he pointed to Jesus and said that He was the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world. The first thing Andrew does is to go find Peter and tell him that he had met the Messiah. Andrew was seeking all that God had for him. First by listening to John and then following Jesus. He was the one who introduced Peter to Jesus. Peter would become the leader of the apostles. Andrew could get his feelings hurt for that. He may have felt that way, but we do not read about it. We see negative things about the apostles, it shows us that they were human, but nothing is recorded that Andrew got upset. Instead he was one of the 12 and he continued to help.



There was the time that the people followed Jesus and Jesus talked to the apostles about feeding the people. (John 6) There was one boy in the crowd who had some food and Jesus took the food and used it to feed all of the people who were there. It was Andrew who knew that the boy had the food. Andrew must have been talking to people in the crowd or else he would not have known about the boy and the food he had. Andrew was open to people and cared about them. He wanted people to come to know Jesus.



One other time we see Andrew is when some people only identified as Greeks wanted to meet Jesus. (John 12) These people came to Philip and Philip took them to Andrew. We get the idea that Andrew was the go-to person when someone wanted to meet Jesus. Andrew would take people to Jesus. He wanted people to know Jesus. We do not see him trying to convince people to follow Jesus but would invite them to meet Jesus for themselves.



We can be like Andrew. We can invite people to come and see Jesus. Unlike Andrew we cannot physically take them to see Jesus, but we can show Jesus in our lives. We can talk about Jesus to others. Just like Andrew we do not need to convince people, but we tell about Him. We let others know what Jesus has done for us. We can help people know Jesus.