

Be an ANDREW

Introduce a friend to Jesus Christ.

What is an Andrew?

Andrew was one of the first disciples Jesus called during His earthly ministry. The first chapter of John's gospel recounts how Andrew learned who Jesus was – and then immediately found his brother, Simon Peter, and brought him to meet the Son of God. Today, an Andrew follows this disciple's example by praying for family members, friends, neighbours and co-workers who don't know Jesus and then inviting them to hear the Gospel.

The history of Be an Andrew

During preparations for Billy Graham's historic Crusade in London in 1954, the team heard about a local church that was consistently reaching people with the Gospel. When Billy Graham and the Crusade staff investigated, they discovered that the congregation was holding monthly events during which members brought friends who didn't know the Lord. The team adopted this idea for Crusades and began Operation Andrew, which encouraged Christians who planned to attend a meeting to pray for and bring loved ones.

HOW DO I BECOME AN ANDREW?

Becoming an Andrew begins in the heart – *“in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have”* (1 Peter 3:15, NIV). You can share that hope by first praying for your loved ones who are far from God and fostering friendships with them, and then by inviting them to hear the Gospel during the Graham Tour.



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PRAY



Write down the name of someone you know who needs Jesus and then pray each day for him or her. Ask God to open their heart and give you opportunities to share His love with them.

BRING



Bring your friend to the event. If he or she responds to Christ or begins to show interest in the Gospel, they will need your ongoing encouragement. (And if they don't respond, continue to love and pray for them.)

SHARE



Spend time with your friend. Grab a cup of coffee or attend an event together. It can deepen your friendship and create an opportunity to talk about Christ. Begin to talk with your friend about attending the event with you.

FOLLOW UP



Invite them to church with you. God can use you and your church to bring them into a deepening relationship with Jesus.

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Pastors, here's a simple message outline to follow as you explain Be an 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 Be an 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 BE AN ANDREW:

A. Have your congregation take time to write down on their Be an 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.

