

GO DEEPER

use these questions for further study

Pray the Lord's Prayer together or individually to begin the time (Mtt 6:9-13).

Share with the group:

What's the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word "disciple?" Who do you picture when you picture "the disciples?" Did you know that there were more disciples than just the 12? Did you know that people other than Jesus had disciples too? How can knowing this help us as we read scripture?

Pastor Adam defined a disciple as, "Someone who follows a particular teacher and adheres to the way of life taught by the teacher."

What are the defining traits of a disciple?

In a broad sense, what does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?

Read John 1:35-42

What do we see about Andrew in this passage?

Why did Andrew leave John to follow Jesus? What did it cost him?

What do you make of Jesus' question and Andrew's answer (v38)?

Andrew tells his brother about Jesus. What motivates him?

Do you think it was easy? What could it have cost him?

Why is it often hard to talk to family about Jesus?

Read Mark 4:19-20

Why did Andrew respond the way he did? What did it cost him?

What does Andrew's response show about his sincerity as a disciple?

Did your personal choice to follow Jesus come at a cost? If so, what?

Is there anything Jesus is currently calling you to leave behind?

Read John 1:41-42, 6:5-9, & 12:17-22

What do you notice about Andrew from these passages?

Why do you think he was willing and able to connect people to Jesus?

Have there been Andrews in your life who helped connect you to Jesus?

What are some practical ways you can be like Andrew and connect others to Jesus? Be as specific as possible.

As a group, pray by name for people who need to be connected to Jesus. Pray that God will give you opportunities to be a connector, and that the Holy Spirit will lead and empower you in this task.

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