

TODAY'S MESSAGE, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

"Our Greatest Responsibility"

(John 1:40-42; 6:5-11; 12:20-22)

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Know Christ and Make Him known

Evangelism – taking the initiative to share Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, leaving the results to God.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. (John 1:41-42)

⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" ⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹ "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. (John 6:5-11)

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. (John 12:20-22)

***Why do we have a solemn responsibility
to bring people to Jesus Christ?***

1. OUR _____ MAKES US RESPONSIBLE

Ezekiel 33:8-9
Proverbs 11:30
Luke 12:48

2. OUR _____ MAKE US RESPONSIBLE

Matthew 10:8
2 Kings 7:9
Psalm 107:2

3. THE _____ MAKES US RESPONSIBLE

Matthew 28:18-20
Acts 1:8
Luke 19:10

4. OUR _____ MAKE US RESPONSIBLE

John 9:4
2 Corinthians 6:2
Revelation 3:8

My 5 in '25

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

Prayer... Care... Share

My response to today's message – for personal and group study

1) Who (or what experience) brought you to Jesus? According to recent studies, what is the most effective means of reaching others for Christ? How do these statistics validate the example of Andrew?

2) Making Christ known to others may be exciting or frightening (or both!). Either way, we (followers of Jesus) are called to echo the words of John the Baptist, "Look, the Lamb of God!" (John 1:36). Share some of the experiences you've had in sharing Christ with others. What have you learned about God, yourself and others?

3) Review the definition of evangelism. Based on that definition, how would you rate your passion and practice of evangelism? How would you rate your small group? Your church?

4) According to John 1:35-39, how did God reach Andrew? Although Andrew's conversion to Christ is not recorded, it's evident that Jesus' invitation to "Come and... see" (v. 39) was a spiritual turning point for Andrew. Describe your spiritual turning point(s) and conversion to Christ.

5) Review and discuss Andrew's care and concern for others. Do you have the same care and concern – to bring others to Jesus? Why or why not?

6) Review the Scriptures listed and discuss the reasons why we (Christians) have a solemn responsibility to bring others to Jesus. Which of the reasons are the most impactful for you and your witness moving forward. Why?

7) Who are 5 people you can *pray* for... *care* for... and *share* Christ with the remainder of 2025? Who will you invite and bring on Sunday, October 12?

Pray with and for one another in your small group, focusing on how you can implement "Prayer—Care—Share" this week. Who is your One? Pray that we will strive and thrive to know Christ and make Him known.

What is the main thing that God has impressed upon you today?

What are you going to do about it?

Remember: The smallest obedient act is better than the greatest intention.

OPERATION ANDREW

"The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon... and he brought him to Jesus." (John 1:42)

LOOK AROUND – because your mission field is right where you live, work, play or go to school. List the names of five individuals who need Christ.

LOOK UP – for God answers prayer. Set aside time each day to pray for these five and for yourself – that God will give you natural opportunities to share His love with them.

LOOK OUT – for ways to cultivate their friendship and earn their confidence. Find ways to build a caring bridge of trust, opening the way for Christ.

LOOK FORWARD – Begin to talk with each one about attending Focus Church with you on October 12 – few will come alone. Have a definite plan in mind... pray... and follow through.

LOOK AFTER – those who respond to Christ; they need your encouragement more than ever. Those who do not come to Him may be reached later on, so continue to love them and pray for them.

Let us reach up in prayer and reach out to bring others to Christ.

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Know Christ (Philippians 3:10) and Make Him Known (Acts 1:8)***

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and share His peace with others?
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