

Beyond the Gate: Living Out the Mission

Part 5: "You're One: Starting a Movement with One Person"

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Big Idea: God often launches movements by entrusting His work to one faithful, receptive person.

I. Andrew Didn't Build a Platform — He Brought a _____

"Andrew... first found his own brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah'... and he brought him to Jesus." (John 1:40-42)

II. God Often Chooses _____ Before He Reaches Many

"When Jesus saw him, he said, 'You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas (Peter).' (John 1:42)

III. One Faithful Relationship Can Shape _____

"So those who received [Peter's] word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls." (Acts 2:41)

Takeaways:

1. Identify the One

Ask yourself:

"Who has God already placed within arm's reach of my life?"

2. Pray with Intention, Not Pressure

You are not responsible for outcomes.

You are responsible for **availability**.

3. Invite, Don't Impress

You don't need all the answers.

You don't need the perfect words.

Like Andrew,
you simply **bring people to Jesus** —
and trust Him to do what only He can do.

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Small Group Questions – Week 5

You're One: Starting a Movement with One Person

Text: John 1:35–42

1. Icebreaker / Opening

Who is someone in your life who had a quiet but significant influence on your faith journey?

(It could be a parent, friend, pastor, teacher, or even someone you didn't realize was shaping you at the time.)

2. Scripture Observation

Read John 1:40–42 together.

What stands out to you about Andrew's approach to sharing his faith?

What *doesn't* Andrew do that we often feel pressured to do?

3. Understanding the Big Idea

The message emphasized that God often starts movements with **one faithful, receptive person**.

Why do you think God so often chooses to work this way instead of starting with crowds or platforms?

4. Personal Reflection

Andrew brought **someone already in his life**—his brother—to Jesus.

Who might be a “one” God has already placed within arm’s reach of your life right now?

(You don’t need to say the name out loud unless you’re comfortable.)

5. Removing Pressure

The sermon reminded us that we are responsible for **availability**, not outcomes.

What pressures or fears tend to hold you back from inviting or sharing? How does this message help reframe those fears?

6. Living It Out

What might it look like this week to:

- pray intentionally (not anxiously),
- stay open to timing,
- or simply invite without trying to impress?

What is one **small, realistic step** you could take?

7. Prayer Focus

Close by praying for:

- openness in our own hearts
- clarity to recognize “the one”
- courage to be faithful without pressure

If appropriate, leaders may invite the group to pray silently for one specific person God has placed on their heart.

Your voice matters. We’d love to hear what God is showing you through these questions. Please share your thoughts by emailing us at info@thegateoc.com — your insights will help shape the renewal and restoration of The Gate.