

## ***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

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#### 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.)

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#### 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?

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#### 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?

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#### 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?

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#### 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?

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#### 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.

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**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](mailto:info@thegateoc.com) — your insights will help shape the renewal and restoration of The Gate.