



Morningside Church

Sermon Discussion Guide

Title: The Introduction

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Scripture Text: John 1:35-51

Series: Believe - The Study of the Book of John

Notes:

How would you describe “evangelism”? Some see a figure like Billy Graham in a stadium of thousands preaching the gospel. Others may picture a program to teach someone who’s interested about the mechanics of sharing the good news of Jesus. There are those who are nervous thinking about themselves in the position of sharing the plan of salvation with a lost person. Today’s Bible passage describes three types of introductions to Jesus (evangelism).

1. Proclamation of a Preacher ([John 1:35-40](#))

John the Baptist preached a message of repentance. He had his own disciples. John directed his followers toward Jesus. “Look, the Lamb of God”. He was not concerned about keeping them as his followers but making them followers of Jesus.

2. Introduction by Family ([John 1:41-42](#))

Andrew was one of those John introduced to Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was go tell his brother Simon Peter. He couldn’t wait to bring Peter to Jesus.

3. Introduction by a Friend ([John 1:43-51](#))

Jesus, en route to Galilee, found Philip and invited him to follow Him. This news was too good to keep to himself. Philip in turn went to tell his friend Nathaniel.

Based on these three examples of introductions, consider what it takes to introduce someone to Jesus.

I. A Priceless Possession ([John 1:37-40](#))

Jesus asked Andrew and another disciple of John what they wanted. They wanted to spend time with Jesus. By spending time with Jesus they got to know Him better, which motivated them all the more to be His follower (disciple).

- How available was Jesus to spend time with these two?
- How can spending time with Jesus help His followers get to know Him better today?
- How do you spend time with Jesus?
- Are you a follower of Jesus?
- How priceless is Jesus to you?

Pray how you can share this priceless possession with others.



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II. A Personal Position ([John 1:40](#))

Andrew was not as well known as his brother Simon Peter. Peter was part of Jesus' inner circle. Peter preached at Pentecost and thousands responded to the gospel message. Yet it was Andrew who brought Peter to Jesus. Each of us have our unique role to play in the body of Christ. God has sovereignly placed you where you are. Your job is to do His work where He has you.

- Andrew and Peter were very different and used differently by God. Yet both were equally important. How would you describe your unique role in the body of Christ?
- Why is it important for each individual follower of Jesus to be busy doing the specific work God has called them to do ([Eph. 2:10](#))?
- How well are you doing the work God has called you to do?

III. Seek the Sinner ([John 1:41, 45](#))

After his encounter, Andrew sought out Peter and brought him to Jesus. Likewise, after Philip encountered Jesus he found Nathaniel to tell him. Both Andrew and Philip sought out those whom they wanted to introduce to Jesus. They didn't wait to be asked. Lost people are not typically seeking out God. It is God's people who introduce them to Him.

- One of the first things Andrew and Philip did after their encounter with Jesus was find someone to bring to Him. Who do you know who needs to hear about Jesus?
- Describe in your own words the truth about Jesus.
- Pray for opportunities to share about Jesus with another.

IV. Persist at in the Pursuit ([John 1:41](#))

Both Andrew and Philip were persistent in their pursuit of of sharing Jesus with the lost. We see Andrew again in [John 6:8-9](#) brought a little boy to Jesus and again in [John 12:20-22](#) he let Jesus know about some Greeks who wanted to meet Him. Philip in [Acts 8:5-6](#) was proclaiming Christ to the Samaritans, and in [Acts 8:30](#) shared with an Ethiopian. Evangelism was part of their day-to-day life.

- What does the term "lifestyle evangelism" mean?
- How much is evangelism part of your lifestyle?
- What are ways you can make evangelism more of a part of your 'walk with Jesus'?