

## **Andrew** (*brother of Peter*)

Why do people decide to walk in the door a particular church for the first time?

- a) Quality of sermons
- b) Pastor's personality
- c) The music
- d) Sudden need to feel closer to God
- e) It was the way I was brought up
- f) Someone invited me

What basics do we know about Andrew?

- Brother of Simon (Peter)
- Originally from Bethsaida, north of Sea of Galilee
- Moved with his brother to Capernaum
- Partners in fishing business with Peter (*John and James as well?*)
- While "Simon" is a Hebrew name, "Andrew" origin is Greek (*manly*)
- He was a member of the inner circle of 4 (but not the 3)
- Named just 12 times in Gospels, 1 time in Acts

What basics do we not know?

- Who was the older brother?
- Was he married/have children?
- Post Pentecost life

Two things to remember

- Known as the first disciple
- "The Apostle of Small Things" – Twelve Ordinary Men by John MacArthur

Originally a disciple of John the Baptist

- Why would he leave John for Jesus? (John 1:20; 29-31; 35-39 p. 1646)

What is the first thing Andrew did after leaving Jesus' company? Why is this so important for us today?

☞ Remember: Different versions in each Gospel of calling story

Feeding of the 5,000 (John 6:1-13 p. 1655)

- What is the value of small gifts? (Luke 21:1-4 p. 1635)
- How do we measure the size of a gift? How does God measure?

Introducing people to Christ

- John 12:20-22 p. 1671

Andrew was a different leader from Peter. How so?

Not recorded as being involved in discussion of who was the greatest

1 Corinthians 1:27-29 (p. 1773) How does this apply to Andrew? To us?

*Caution: The Bible only records the fates of two disciples (one of them Judas)*

Traditions from 2<sup>nd</sup> Century and beyond:

- Some reports of Andrew preaching in Greece and Asia Minor
- Traditionally viewed as founder of church in Byzantium (Constantinople)
- Possibly traveled as far north as territory now part of Russia (a founder?)
- Death story: Angered a Roman proconsul after wife converted to Christianity
  - Crucified on an X-shaped cross (a “saltire”)
  - Bones kept in Constantinople until transported to Italy in 1204
  - Except one arm, reportedly taken to St. Andrew’s, Scotland

What does the art to the right represent?

