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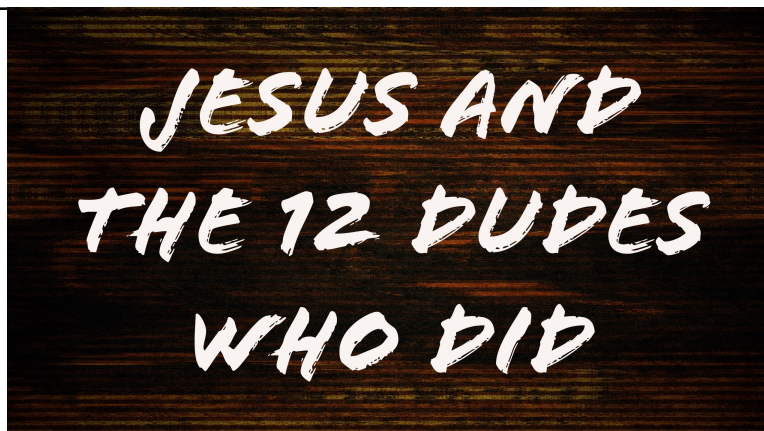
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## Key Questions

### What is this sermon about?

This sermon is about the story of Andrew and Peter and sharing our faith.

### Why is this sermon important?

It is important because sharing God's love grows our faith and invites others.

### What is the good news?

The good news is that you can be one of the workers God is sending out to his harvest.

### What are the next action steps?

You are invited to invite someone to join you for worship.

### What is the context of this sermon?

This is the final sermon in the series about the disciples and our discipleship pathway.

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### Topics

- Share
- Share Christ

## Sermon Books of the Bible

- Galatians
- John
- Luke
- Mark

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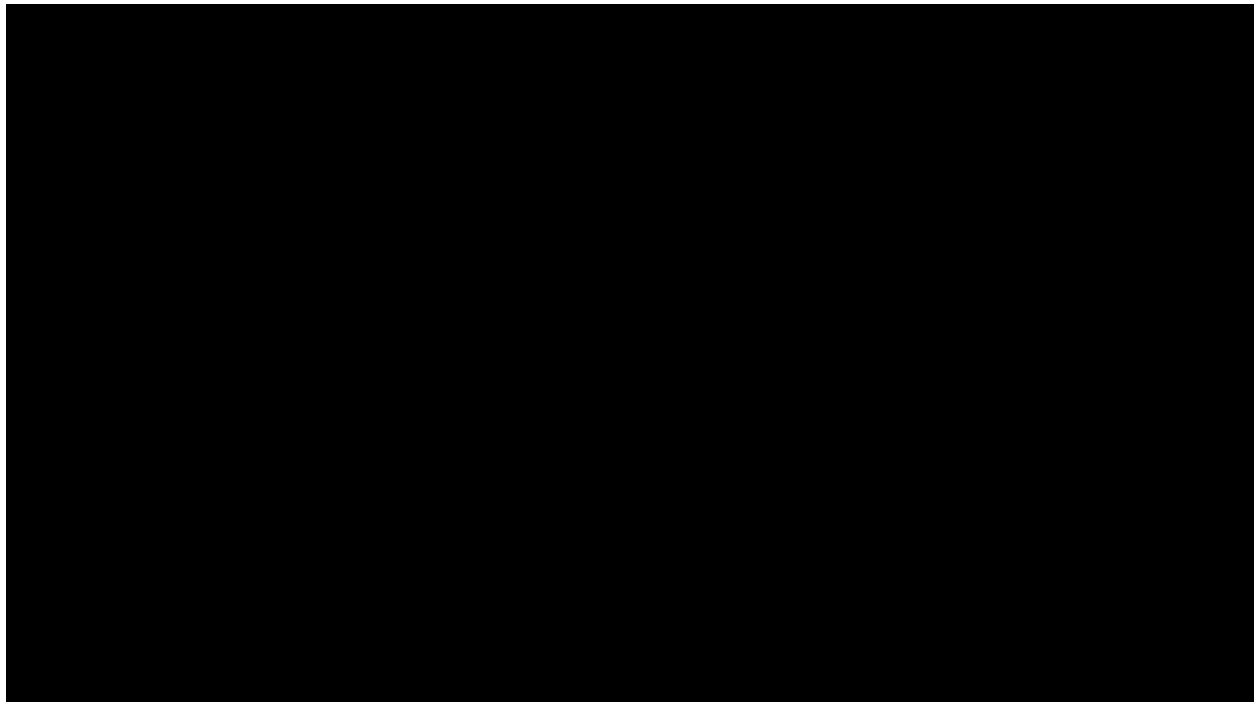
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## Sermon Audio

*9 a.m. Worship*

*11 a.m. Worship*

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Jesus and the 12 Dudes Who Did - Jesus Calls

Luke 5:1-11

First United Methodist Church of El Dorado

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## Introduction

### Luke 5:1-11, NRSV

<sup>1</sup>Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."

<sup>5</sup>Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets."

<sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

### Luke 5:1-11, CEB

<sup>1</sup>One day Jesus was standing beside Lake Gennesaret when the crowd pressed in around him to hear God's word. <sup>2</sup>Jesus saw two boats sitting by the lake. The fishermen had gone ashore and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>Jesus boarded one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, then asked him to row out a little distance from the shore. Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, "Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch."

<sup>5</sup>Simon replied, "Master, we've worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because you say so, I'll drop the nets."

<sup>6</sup>So they dropped the nets and their catch was so huge that their nets were splitting. <sup>7</sup>They signaled for their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They filled both boats so full that they were about to sink. <sup>8</sup>When Simon Peter saw the catch, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I'm a sinner!" <sup>9</sup>Peter and those with him were overcome with amazement because of the number of fish they caught. <sup>10</sup>James and John, Zebedee's sons, were Simon's partners and they were amazed too.

Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people." <sup>11</sup>As soon as they brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

## Response to Scripture

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sermon Starter Video

Play sermon starter video.



## Opening Story

[Text here]

### *Transition*

## Series Review

### *Discipleship Pathway*

During this worship series, we are focusing on our discipleship pathway, which is this:

We live as disciples of Jesus Christ as we worship, grow, give, serve and share.

These are expectations for our members and invitations to all people to experience life as a follower of Jesus Christ. There are many ways to live a faithful life. This is how we live as Christians here at First United Methodist Church.

### ***Jesus and the 12 Dudes Who Did***

We will be taking a closer look at the lives and stories of the 12 apostles who shared life with Jesus during his public ministry in the ancient near east. We will be looking for lessons that we can learn from them that can teach us about living as a follower of Jesus Christ.

#### ***Transition***

Today, we focus on the story of Andrew and Peter.

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## **Andrew<sup>1</sup>**

### **Jesus Calls**

#### ***Identity***

Andrew was the brother of Simon Peter. He was born in the village of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee. Both he and his brother Peter were fishermen by trade.

The story of Jesus calling Andrew and Peter is a bit different in the four gospels. The account which was read from the gospel according to Luke does not mention Andrew, however Matthew and Mark tell the story a bit differently.

#### ***Key Scripture - Mark 1:16–18***

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, for they were fishermen.

<sup>17</sup>“Come, follow me,” he said, “and I’ll show you how to fish for people.”

<sup>18</sup>Right away, they left their nets and followed him.”<sup>2</sup>

The story is very similar in Matthew.

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*Pause*

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### **New Testament**

Subsequently, in the gospels, Andrew is referred to as being present on some important occasions as one of the disciples more closely attached to Jesus.

Andrew told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes.

When Philip wanted to tell Jesus about certain Greeks seeking Him, he told Andrew first.

Andrew was present at the Last Supper.

Andrew was one of the four disciples who came to Jesus on the Mount of Olives to ask about the signs of Jesus' return at the “end of the age.”

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<sup>1</sup> Wikipedia contributors, "Andrew the Apostle," Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, [https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Andrew\\_the\\_Apostle&oldid=799019711](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Andrew_the_Apostle&oldid=799019711) (accessed September 8, 2017).

<sup>2</sup> Mark 1:16-18, CEB.

*Pause*

## Simon Peter<sup>3</sup>

### **Key Scripture John 1:40-42**

In the gospel according to John, Andrew is identified as one of the followers of John the Baptist, when Jesus walks by.

<sup>40</sup>One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Christ).

<sup>42</sup>He led him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter)."<sup>4</sup>

In this account, Andrew leads his brother to Jesus. Then, he is given a new name by Jesus.

### **Peter's Key Role**

Like his brother, Peter was a fisherman, He played a key role among the disciples and was with Jesus during events witnessed by only a few of those who followed Jesus.

He was present at the Transfiguration.

He confessed Jesus as the Messiah.

He was part of Jesus' inner circle

He denied Jesus three times and wept bitterly when he realized the denial.

He preached on the Day of Pentecost.

He spent his life sharing Jesus with all.

*Pause*

## Sharing Our Faith

### **What to Share?**

What do you have to share?

What is it that you enjoy that other people could also enjoy?

<sup>3</sup> Wikipedia contributors, "Saint Peter," Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, [https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Saint\\_Peter&oldid=798132785](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Saint_Peter&oldid=798132785) (accessed September 8, 2017).

<sup>4</sup> John 1:40-42, CEB.



**Example: Your Favorite Restaurant**

Imagine your favorite restaurant. The food is great, the people are friendly, service is fast. It's fantastic. It's something to share with other people - especially those who may not have been there before.

**Personal Example: Kansas State Fair**

Maybe it's a place or an event. I love going to the Kansas State Fair. The people, the spectacle, the exhibits, the contests, the food - It's great! If you haven't been to the fair, you should go.

**God's Love is Something to Share**

As a follower of Jesus, we have the something great to share.  
God loves you.

It doesn't matter where you have come from, what your history is, or how you feel your relationship with God is right now, God loves you and offers you the opportunity to change your heart and live a life filled with "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."<sup>5</sup>

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*You have something to share - God's love.*  
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**Who to Share with?**

You may wonder, well, who am I supposed to share with?

I wanted to see what that this looks like in our community. I used MissionInsite<sup>6</sup> a community engagement and demographic resource available from our annual conference to look up this zip code - 67042. Here's what I found:

**Population for 67042**

- Statistics for 67042
- Population: 17,874
  - Not Active: 10,568
  - No Preference: 4,037

There are 10,568 people that live in this zip code that are not active in a religious congregation and there are 4,037 people who don't even have a preference about their religion.

You might know one of them.

You might be one of them.

Whether it is family, friends, co-workers, neighbors or someone behind the register at the store you know someone with whom you might share your faith.

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*You have relationships for sharing.*  
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<sup>5</sup> Galatians 5:22-23, CEB.

<sup>6</sup> <http://missioninsite.com>

## How to Invite

If you ever find yourself wondering how to invite someone without being weird or pushy, I'm with you. When I started as a pastor, I didn't know how to do it until, one day, when I was having lunch with my friend Dan. When he was paying for the meal, he struck up a conversation with the person at the register that I have used as a model for sharing my faith ever since.

### **How to Invite**

Ask the question, "Where do you go to church on Sunday?"

Assume that someone is connected with a congregation.

If they are connected - great! Don't invite them to here.

There are over 10,000 people in our community that are not active.

If they are not connected with a congregation, invite them.

You might say, "I go to First United Methodist Church. We have worship at 9 and 11 a.m. You should check it out sometime."

Do this once a week and before Thanksgiving, you will have invited more people to worship than the average United Methodist does in their lifetime.

## Next Step

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*Sharing your faith makes an impact.*  
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## Conclusion

### Good News

The good news is that you can be one of the workers God is sending out to his harvest.

### Call to Action

#### **Something to Share**

You have something to share:

- the good news of Jesus Christ,
- forgiveness for all the ways we mess up,
- the opportunity to be assured of a relationship with God.

#### **Relationships for Sharing**

Whether it is family, friends, co-workers, neighbors or someone behind the register at the store – you have relationships for sharing your faith.

#### **Sharing Makes an Impact**

Sharing your faith with others can have a deep and meaningful impact years later.

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## **Invitation**

Here's the thing, this actually works.

You're here.

Someone invited you.