

Andrew, The Apostle of Small Things— February 10-16

GAMECHANGERS

To prepare for discussion each week, group members should use the **Discussion Guide** to complete the **GOD’S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns using the scriptures at the bottom of this page. You will notice that we are continuing the pattern of your discussing scripture *after* the Sunday message on that passage.

Background for John 1:35-42; John 6:8-9

The twelve apostles were chosen and trained by Jesus. 2000 years later, their impact on the world is seen everywhere. These men weren’t CEOs, great speakers, or scholars when Jesus chose them. They were simply ordinary and carried baggage that would have limited their effectiveness. But Jesus called and used these ordinary men to do something extraordinary.

Andrew was one of these ordinary men as seen in John 1:35-42. Andrew was the lesser-known brother of Simon Peter with whom he owned and operated a fishing business. Already a follower of John the Baptist, Andrew encountered Jesus first. Though Simon Peter is much more known, Andrew is the one who first recognizes Jesus as the Messiah and introduces Peter to Jesus.

In John 6:8-9, when Jesus feeds the five thousand, the other disciples were paralyzed by the impossibility of feeding so many people. Andrew tells Jesus of a boy with something small to offer that Jesus turns into something extraordinary.

Though he is only briefly mentioned in the Gospels, Andrew’s natural inclination and ministry is often in the small things. Standing far away from the limelight himself, Andrew had a crucial role shining the light on others like his brother Simon Peter and a boy with a few snacks—those who make a big impact. When God changes the world, He uses our ordinary, seemingly small faithfulness to accomplish extraordinary things.

Scriptures for the upcoming weeks:

February 17	James & John – <i>The Powerful</i>	Mark 1:19-20; Mark 10:35-40
February 24	Philip – <i>The Cautious</i>	John 6:5-7; John 14:7-10
March 3	Nathanael – <i>The Prejudiced</i>	John 1:45-49
March 10	Matthew – <i>The Half-Hearted</i>	Matthew 9:9-13
March 17	Simon the Zealot, Thaddaeus, James the Less – <i>The Unseen</i>	Mark 3:13-19, 31-35
March 24	Thomas – <i>The Doubter</i>	John 20:24-29
March 31	Judas – <i>The Traitor</i>	John 12:1-6; Matthew 26:14-16
April 7	Peter – <i>The Performer</i>	Matthew 16:13-18, 21-23