



## Small Group Discussion Guide

**ICE BREAKER:** Who is your favorite Biblical character? What traits do they have that you most admire?

**INSTRUCTIONS:** If your group meets bi-weekly, do 3 & 4.

1. Read Isaiah 40:8. Why are people described as the grass and flowers? What happens to the grass and flowers compared to the Word of God? Pastor Tom reminds us, "It's easy to forget that most of what God accomplishes throughout history and around the world, He does through people most would regard as unremarkable/insignificant from a human perspective." What happens to us when God uses us to be a part of His story?
2. Read John 1:35-42. What do we learn about Andrew in these verses? When Andrew meets Jesus, he does 2 things, what were they? Do these things explain why Jesus chose Andrew to be a disciple? Do Andrew's actions have any significance for us today?
3. Read John 1:43-51. Again, we see a pattern of discipleship repeated. What does Philip do when he meets Jesus? What is Nathanael's reaction to Jesus? How does Philip respond? Pastor Tom makes this observation about verse 49, "The power of a 'come and see' invitation is greater than we may realize". Tell your group about a time you invited someone. How did you invite them? What was their reaction? Did they accept your invitation? Who can you invite this week?
4. Read John 6:1-15 and 12:20-22. Without fanfare, Andrew and Philip were bringing people to Jesus. What does Jesus do after they have been brought? Review your message notes. What kind of people were Andrew and Philip that God was looking for? Are you this kind of person? If not, how can you become this kind of person? How might your group help you?

## Personal Guide for Week of January 7th

**DAY 1 - Read John 1:35-42, Matthew 4:18-22, Mark 1:16-20, and Luke 5:2-11.**

Compare & contrast this story. What is the same? What is different?

**DAY 2 - Read Acts 8:4-8.** Read how Philip continues to do the work of the Lord without fanfare.

**DAY 3 - Read Acts 8:26-40.** What steps does Philip take to help the Ethiopian eunuch become a follower of Jesus?

**DAY 4 - Read Matthew 9:9-13 and John 1:35-51.** How is Matthew's story of becoming a disciple similar to Andrew & Philip's in John's Gospel?

**DAY 5 - Read Matthew 28:16-20.** These verses are often called "the Great Commission". What does Jesus command his disciples to do?



## Message Notes & Small Group Discussion // Personal Guides

*"Average Andrew & Plain Philip"*

Week of January 7, 2018



**“Nothing Ordinary:  
Average Andrew & Plain Philip”  
[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]**

**MESSAGE NOTES**

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