

TAKING IT HOME

1. Looking back at this week's teaching and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply? Why?
2. Is there anyone you need to thank for the role they've played in helping you connect with God's purpose – particularly anyone who might not know it?
3. Are there any changes in your attitude or actions that you need to make in order to become more like Andrew (helping others to connect with their God-destiny)?

PRAYER GUIDE

Praise & Thanksgiving:

Beginning of our Lenten Journey

Pray for Healing:

Curt Johnson, cancer

Harold Morris, Carol Kendall's father, under hospice care

Charlotte Morris at Meritor Hospital with heart problems

Diane Lukas, Jim Vanderpas

Pray for:

Each week we pray for a UMC from our district, this week:

Monona and Monona Hispanic, their pastors David Byers-Dent and Raphael Cubilette.

Mary Kay Ogle, job search

Haiti earthquake victims and relief efforts

End to the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq

Those who are suffering due to the economic crisis in our country and nations throughout the world.

Sugar River United Methodist Church

SERMON OUTLINE for Sunday, February 21, 2010

Our Unfolding Story: Andrew, Brother of Simon Peter

Text: John 1:35-42

Pastor Gary Holmes

1. The Story of the Durer Brothers

The sacrificial love of a brother

2. Andrew's story

Andrew introduces his brother to Jesus

Andrew introduces the young boy to Jesus

Andrew introduces the inquiring Greeks to Jesus

3. What is our story?

Without Andrews, we have no Peters

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GROWTH GUIDE – Sugar River UMC

For the week of February 21, 2010

Questions adopted from North Coast Church, CA

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. If you had to spend seven days doing one of the activities below and cost and survival were not an issue, what would you do and why? I'd spend it . . .

- on a cruise ship.
- on an uninhabited tropical island.
- driving across the country in the biggest RV you can imagine.
- flying around the world during the day and landing every evening at 6 pm at the airport closest to your proximity.

2. This week we saw how Andrew helped others connect with Jesus. Can you think of any ways others have helped connect with God? If so, explain.

3. Have you ever found it difficult to be on the receiving end of someone's efforts to help you? If so, why do think that was so?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Jonathan, the son of King Saul, gives us another great example of helping someone else connect with God and God's purpose. His friendship with David (of David from David & Goliath fame) is found in 1 Samuel. As you read the verses below, what specific actions, attitudes or principles can we learn from Jonathan about helping others excel beyond ourselves?

1 Samuel 18:1-4

1 Samuel 19:1-7

1 Samuel 20:12-17

How does Philippians 2:3-4 add to what it takes to help others fly?

Referring to what you wrote above, how might these insights help you help others fulfill God's purpose in the following settings? (Use only those that apply to you.)

- In the work place
- With friends
- As a parent
- Other

2. Jesus is our ultimate model of helping others fulfill their God-destiny. What principles do you see Jesus putting into action to help Peter do well in John 21:15-19 (don't forget, Peter was the disciple that denied Jesus)?

How do you think Peter felt knowing that he had failed Christ in one of the biggest ways in the recent past?

3. Most of our focus this week has been on how to help others to fulfill God's purpose. Another important part of the conversation is checking to see if we are allowing others to help us fulfill our God-destinies. What do the following verses tell us about what it takes for others to be allowed to help us connect with God's purpose?

Proverbs 15:22

Proverbs 27:5-6

Proverbs 28:13

Which one of these verses is most challenging for you and why?