



ENGLISH CORNER

Lesson 2: John 1:40-43

Main Points (Enduring Word Commentary):

- Andrew met Jesus, and then wanted his brother, Simon Peter, to meet Jesus. Through the centuries, this is how most people come to faith in Jesus Christ. Andrew introduced him to Jesus. This is natural, because it is the nature of Christian experience that those who enjoy the experience desire to share their experience with others.
- In giving Simon a new name (Cephas or Peter, meaning A Stone), Jesus told Andrew's brother what kind of man he would be transformed into. Before Jesus was done with Peter, he would be a stone of stability for Jesus Christ.
- The verb 'Follow' will be used here in its full sense of 'follow as a disciple'. The present tense has continuous force, 'keep on following'." (Morris)

Opening Activity: Discuss the following questions as a class.

What do you do when you receive good news?

Who do you like to share it with?

Does anyone have any good news from this week that you would like to share?

Transition: Tonight, we are going to be reading in John 1:40-43. These verses take place during a time when the Jewish people had been waiting for many years for a Messiah who they believed would deliver them from oppression. When a named Andrew heard about Jesus – he immediately knew that this was good news. Let's take a look together and find out what he did next.

Vocabulary: Introduce (make someone known by name or description)

Follow (move or travel with) **Messiah** (the promised deliverer of the Jewish people)

Find (locate) **Decide** (make a choice or a decision to do something)

John 1:40-43

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said ("Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!") and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter^[a]). ⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

1. What name did John use to introduce Jesus?
2. When Andrew heard this, how did he respond?
3. What does this tell us about Andrew?
4. Jesus called Simon by name and knew the name of his father. What does this show us about Jesus?
5. What invitation did Jesus give to Philip and the other men?
6. What does it mean to follow Jesus? How have you experienced this in your life?
7. How can we pray for one another this week?