

Leadership Training – Leading with Excellence Self-Confidence

GOD RELIES ON ME?

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THE POINT

God relies on you to bring others to Him. Yes! He needs you. Believe in yourself! As imperfect as you are, He chooses you.

THE POINT, UNWRAPPED

Though not outspoken, not outstanding, not scholarly, nor even in the transfiguration, also called, "Simon Peter's brother" (Jn.1:40).

But he was the first disciple to be selected by Jesus.

WHERE IN THE WORLD

Matthew 4, 18. ¹⁸As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. John 1, 35-40.

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

³⁹"Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.

DISCUSSION

Would you be an Andrew for Jesus? Where do you see yourself as the leader in the stories below?

I. ANDREW SPENDS THE NIGHT WITH JESUS (see Jn.1:35).

Andrew had a friend in the Lord.

II. ANDREW BRINGS HIS BROTHER TO JESUS (see Jn. 1:41).

Compare Luke 5:3.

III. ANDREW BRINGS A LAD TO JESUS (Jn. 6:8-9) see also vv.5-7.

Phillip was involved in the sense that he tried to calculate how all of the people would be fed.

IV. ANDREW BRINGS GENTILES TO JESUS

Jn.12:20-32. Some people only wanted to bring certain types of people to Jesus.

V. ANDREW IS ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES WITH JESUS

Mk. 13:1-3

VI. ANDREW IS IN THE UPPER ROOM WITH JESUS

He is carrying out Jesus' commands. (Acts 1:13-14).

TEAM BUILDING

Connect! Connect!

Everyone gets in a circle and stand together by group to form small circles. The facilitator yells -connect connect|| or -nối kết nối kết|| and everyone replies -to what to what|| or -kết chi kết chil.

The facilitator yells out two appropriate body parts on the human body (i.e, shoulder, knee, elbow, hip, fingers, ears, etc...). Once the two body parts are announced, each group strives to connect the two locations together as soon as they can. First team connects correctly wins. The connection is either clockwise or counter-clockwise (facilitator decides). The name of the first location is the point connecting to the second location.

The body parts that are called can represent our imperfections; however, God has a plan for those imperfections. Perhaps with the right combination to another piece of imperfection (negative + negative = positive) and teamwork (all disciples, not one), these imperfections can transform to perfection (i.e., complete connection, complete apostolic service).

TEAM STUDY

Read the passages listed below. For each passage, write the excuse/s the leader gave for not serving God and God's response/s to them.

Verses	Excuses	God's Responses
Exodus 3:10-15		
Judges 6:14-16		

Jeremiah 1:1-4; 2:1; 7-3-1		
Luke 5:4-11		
<p>Your Excuses and Fears. <i>List your fears, concerns, worries, or excuses as they relate to being a Knight of Eucharist Leader.</i></p>		
<p>God's response is "I will be with you!"</p>		

SUMMARY

Leading others in Christ is a huge responsibility. At times we feel as though we are not worthy of such task. We think we are not spiritual enough, not perfect enough, and often, not talented enough; however, the Bible reminds us that Andrew too was also imperfect as we are; yet, he was selected as the very first disciple of Christ.

He heard John the Baptist speaking, Jn1:40, and told his brother Simon Peter –we have found the Messiah!, and he took him to Jesus. These two brothers, both fishermen, were first called to be –fishers of men!. Mt4:18.

As you can see, they were LOOKING for Him and He accepted them, even though they were only fishermen. This story tells us that we too should be reaching out to Jesus and God will use each and every one of us in a special way to accomplish His tasks here on earth. God wants us to confide our doubts in him and trust him as He trusts us as leaders. Do not be afraid.

Con chính con đây
 Con được Chúa kêu mời
 Con chính con đây
 Con là tông đồ của Chúa
 Con chính con đây
 Con được ngài sai đi
 Đi khắp muôn nơi, đem tin mừng cho muôn người

VIETNAMESE WORDS

Responsibility – trách nhiệm

Spiritual – thiêng liêng, thánh thiện

Confide – phó thác, giao phó

Trust – tin cậy, tín nhiệm

