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# TRANSFORMATION

*"And we... are being transformed into His likeness."*

**2 Corinthians 3:18**

## CHETS TOP 5

Backpacks and  
School Supply  
Collection  
August 1st - 22nd

Fall Leadership  
Training  
Sunday, August 15th  
5:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Middle/High  
School  
Parent/Teen  
Luncheon  
Sunday, August 22nd  
12:30 p.m.

Life University  
Kick-Off and  
Classes  
August 25th, 5:30 p.m.

"Follow Me to  
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### Discussion Guide

#### **Life Sentences - "John the Baptist"**

***FOCUS: To be challenged to increase Christ and decrease his/her self following the example of John the Baptist.***

#### **John 3:22-36 (NIV)**

1. Look up the following passages and record some background information for John the Baptist.
  - a. (Luke 1:5-17) -
  - b. (Matt.3:1-6) -
  - c. (John 3:24-30) -
  - d. (Matt.11:7-12) -
2. What would a modern-day John the Baptist look or be like?
3. What was the main theme of his message? (Matthew 3:2; John 1:4; Luke 3:3; John 1:26-27)
4. What is true repentance?
5. How did John the Baptist demonstrate the practice of "He must increase, but I must decrease?"
  - a. (John 1:1, 14, 23)
  - b. (John 3:26-30)
  - c. (John 5:31-35)
6. Are you living your life like John the Baptist or like the world? Rate yourself.
 

He must increase	I must decrease
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7. If you are more concerned with increasing your own status, position, income, power or fame how can you change to only bring glory to Christ?
8. What lessons does John the Baptist teach in (Matthew 3:8-10)?
  - a. (v. 8)
  - b. (v. 9)
  - c. (v. 10)
9. What "fruit" are you producing for the Kingdom of God?
10. How can you increase your productivity?

## Read Thru the Bible

*"How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey. Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life. Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."*

Psalm 119:103-105

August	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalm	Proverbs
8	2 Chron 33:14-35:15	Romans 2:17-3:8	93:1-5	19:22-23
9	2 Chron 35:16-Ezra	Romans 3:9-31	94:1-11	19:24-25
10	Ezra 2:1-70	Romans 4:1-25	94:12-23	19:26-27
11	Ezra 3:1-5:17	Romans 5:1-21	95:1-11	19:28-29
12	Ezra 6:1-7:28	Romans 6:1-23	96:1-9	20:1
13	Ezra 8:1-9:15	Romans 7:1-25	96:10-13	20:2-3
14	Ezra 10:1-Neh 1:11	Romans 8:1-25	97:1-6	20:4-6
15	Neh 2:1-3:32	Romans 8:26-9:5	97:7-12	20:7-9

### LifeGroup Prayer Requests:

*"You are not responsible for everyone in the church family - but you are responsible to them. So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind."*

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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## LOOKING TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY

### Andrew - 1 Corinthians 10:24

*To commit to living a life for others like Andrew so his/her friends can be brought to the Lord.*

### MONDAY - AUGUST 9, 2010

#### Read John 1:35-42: Andrew Brings His Brother

*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. 41The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). 42And 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).*

Andrew is known as "the bringer."

- What motivated John's disciples to want to follow Jesus?
- How much time did John's two disciples spend with Jesus?
- Verse 40 tells us something interesting about Andrew. What is it?
- What was the first thing that Andrew did after he visited with Jesus?
- What did Andrew tell Simon about Jesus?
- Who do you need to "bring" to Jesus?

## TUESDAY - AUGUST 10, 2010

### Read John 6:1-13: Andrew Brings a Boy and His Lunch

*1Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), 2and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick. 3Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. 4The Jewish Passover Feast was near. 5When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" 6He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. 7Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages[a] would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" 8Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, 9"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" 10Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. 11Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. 12When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." 13So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.*

This is one account of Jesus feeding a multitude. This passage tells of Jesus feeding 5,000.

- What was Jesus' question for Philip? How did Philip respond?
- What do you remember about Andrew from yesterday's passage?
- What role did Andrew play in feeding the 5,000?
- If you were grading Philip and Andrew on their faith, what grades would you give?
- Are you more like Philip or Andrew?

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## WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 11, 2010

### Read John 12:17-22: Andrew and Philip Bring Greeks

*17Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. 18Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him. 19So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!" 20Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. 21They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." 22Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.*

The verses for today's reading come just after Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. According to the passage, crowds were following him.

- What did the crowd that was with Jesus when he raised Lazarus do?
- How did the Pharisees react?
- What did the group of Greeks ask Philip? How did Philip respond? Why do you think Philip went to Andrew?
- What does this passage tell us about Philip and Andrew?
- Are you ready to share the good news about Jesus if a stranger asks?

## THURSDAY - AUGUST 12, 2010

### Read Acts 1:6-15: Andrew (and others) are to be Witnesses

*6So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. 10They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas 12Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. 13When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. 15In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty)*

Jesus commands his disciples to "be witnesses."

- What did the apostles want to know?
- What was Jesus' response?
- Andrew and the others were told to "be witnesses." As a disciple, what is the impact on you of Jesus' words?
- What did the apostles do after Jesus was taken into heaven? Where did they go? Who was there? How many believers were there at this time?

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## FRIDAY - AUGUST 13, 2010

### Read 1 Corinthians 10:23-24: Seek the Good of Others

*23"Everything is permissible"—but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible"—but not everything is constructive. 24Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.*

Paul tells the Corinthian Christians about "the believer's freedom."

- According to this passage, what are believers free to do?
- What qualification accompanies the statement, "Everything is permissible?"
- What principle should guide our freedom?
- How did Andrew "seek the good of others?"
- How would the world respond to the statement, "Seek the good of others?"
- What qualities or characteristics that you have seen in Andrew's life do you need to incorporate into your life?