



WEEK FOUR | IN THE WAY OF JESUS

Look Back

10 Minutes

- Last week when preaching on John 1:35-42 (“Come and See”) Pastor Curtis observed that Andrew did three things: (1) he abides with Jesus; (2) he tells Peter about Jesus; (3) he brings Peter to Jesus. Who are the Andrews in your life who spent time with Jesus, told you about Jesus, and brought you to Jesus? To whom have you been an Andrew?
- Also last week, Pastor Curtis introduced the goal of celebrating 5,000 intentional invitations to cultivate community from now until 8.2025. How do you feel about this goal? Does it energize you, challenge you? What steps will you take to fulfill it?

Read Aloud

Luke 6:12-19

Head

Observe the text and the author’s main points (15–20 Minutes)

1. Give a brief summary of the key events that took place in this passage. What does this passage teach us about Jesus, and his approach to ministry?
2. What does the text tell us about Christ’s purpose in calling the apostles?
3. “Discipleship” can feel like a churchy buzzword. Spend some time crafting a shared definition.

Heart

Envision how the text—when applied—might transform your inner life in terms of your thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors (15–20 Minutes)

1. Re-read Luke 6:13, 17. What is the difference between an apostle and a disciple? What is the significance of this distinction?

2. Where in your life are you in need of spiritual equipping? Where are you uniquely called to equip others?

Hands

Apply the text by moving from inward reflection to outward action looking for ways to live the text out in our lives to serve others (10 Minutes)

- How does this text inform our FPC Mission to cultivate community in the way of Jesus, for the flourishing of the city?
- How does this passage inform your personal role in working towards that mission?

Reaching Upwards: Growing in Your Relationship with God

- In verse 12 Luke reminds his readers that the ministry of Jesus is based on a life of prayer. How rich is your prayer life? Share when you pray, how you pray, what helps your prayer life, and what hinders it.
- Also in verse 12 Jesus retreats to a solitary location to pray all night. Discuss how comfortable you are in spending extended solitary time with God in prayer.
- To be in Christ, we are called to be the same as Christ. Explore ways to do this. How can we be more like Christ?

Reaching Outward: Investing in Your Neighbors

- October Neighborhood Connect - Get to know your FPC community by joining those in your neighborhood for fellowship in October. Go to fpchouston.org/neighbors for more information.
- Saturday, October 12, 9am - 3 pm; LC 181-185. Guest Experience Event - Join with the FPC community and Vision Consultant Shawn Reilly to learn how to expand our mission to welcome guests warmly and well.
- Friday, October 25; 6-8 pm - Generation One Fall Festival - Volunteers and supplies are needed for Gen One's Fall Festival. This is a great opportunity to help out an FPC partner. Volunteers can stay as long or as little as they want. Visit this link to purchase supplies directly from their Amazon wishlist: <https://a.co/7C7y1lp>. For more information, contact Felicia Price at fprice@generationone.net.

Reaching Beyond

- **October 18, 6 - 9 pm, Fellowship Hall** - Support the Chancel Choir's Mission Trip to Eastern Europe in Summer 2025 by joining a night of musical entertainment hosted by Reverend Dr. Dave McKechnie. Tickets available at fpchouston.org/events or in Palm Court on Sundays.
- **Nov. 15-18, 2024 Micah Graduation Trip, Honduras** - A team from FPC will attend the Micah Project graduation from high school, eighth grade, and vocational school. The team will see first-hand the ministry of Micah at the Micah Project campus and join staff on street outreach. For more information, contact Mary-Floye Federer at mffederer@fpchouston.org

- **Prayers for the Middle East** - The war in Gaza will reach one year on October 7. Pray for peace in the Middle East. The violence in the West Bank is increasing. The stress and trauma of the people there is becoming overwhelming with 50% of the population without income because of the loss of tourism and inability to get to jobs in Israel due to closure. The past few months, there has been increased attacks between the Israeli military and Hezbollah terrorist group in Lebanon. Please remember to pray for our brothers and sisters in the region facing this suffering and trauma.