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- While Jesus was with the crowds, Andrew was behind the scenes.
- Andrew brought *individuals* to Jesus, not crowds. He served the sick, children, foreigners... even his own brother.
- There is always room for one more servant!

2. The Value of Invisible Service.

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God Thoughts on Servanthood (Mark 10:42-44)

1. When the disciples sought out greatness, Jesus didn’t rebuke them, He just gave them an unexpected method.
2. In the Kingdom of God, the greater serves the lesser.
3. The motivation for serving is not personal *greed*, but personal *gratitude*.
4. The acid test of whether you’re a servant comes when someone treats you like one!

3. The Value of Insignificant Gifts.

- Andrew knew that no gift is insignificant in the hands of Jesus.

Ten Truths About Ministry:

1. The *foundation* of ministry is character.
“After a long time the master returned...” - Matthew 25:19
2. The *nature* of ministry is service.
“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...” - Matthew 25:19
3. The *motive* of ministry is love.
“...serve one another in love.” - Galatians 5:13
4. The *measure* of ministry is sacrifice.
“This poor widow has put in more than all the others...” - Luke 21:3
5. The *authority* of ministry is submission.
“...submit to such as these and to everyone who joins in the work.” - 1 Cor. 16:16
6. The *purpose* of ministry is the glory of God.
“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” - Matthew 5:16
7. The *tools* of ministry are the Word of God and prayer.
“We will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the Word.” - Acts 6:4
8. The *privilege* of ministry is growth.
“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” - 1 Peter 4:10
9. The *power* of ministry is the Holy Spirit.
“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses.” - Acts 1:8
10. The *model* of ministry is Jesus Christ.
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praying for others when you need to be prayed for,
feeding others when your own soul is hungry,
living truth before people even when your own hurt can’t be spoken,
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