

## Peter:

A tough-minded leader who became  
one of God's greatest servants

## A Lesson in Humility

Luke 5:1-11

## A New Name

John 1:40-42

## Penetrating Accountability Questions

Mark 14:32-38

## Ultimate Failure

Luke 22:54-60

## Brokenness and Restoration

John 21:15-19

## Principles to Live By

1. No matter what our previous experience, Jesus Christ can use us to serve Him.
2. It takes time to become the men and women God wants us to become.

## Questions to Think About

1. Do you know the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior? Does this question even make sense to you?
2. As a Christian, what changes does God still need to make in your life?
  - Regarding your goals?
  - Regarding your approach to people?
  - Regarding your priorities?
  - Regarding your ego?
  - Regarding your basic motivation?

## James:

A Power-Hungry individual  
Who Gave Up Everything

### A Chip Off the Old Block

(Matthew 10:2)

An influential father

(Luke 5:9-10)

A shrewd mother

(Matthew 20:20-21)

### The Inner Circle

The Mount of Transfiguration

(Matthew 17:1-3)

The Garden of Gethsemane

(Mark 14:32-33)

### Playing the Right Cards

(Luke 9:51-56; Mark 3:17)

### Winning at Any Cost

(Matthew 20:20-28; Mark 10:35-45)

### Servant or King?

(Acts 12:1-2)

## Principles to Live By

1. No matter what our family background, Jesus Christ can mold our lives into His image.
2. God is looking for dedicated men and women with natural leadership abilities who will become servant leaders.
3. Jesus Christ wants to use our competitive tendencies to build His Kingdom, not our own.

# **John:**

A Self-Centered Person Who Learned to Love

## **A Circle of Three**

A Mountaintop Experience  
Alone in the Garden

## **Sons of Thunder**

(Mark 3:17)  
The Samaritan Village (Luke 9:51-55)  
Winning at Any Cost (Mark 10:35-37)

## **A Plan that Backfired**

(Mark 9:38-41)

## **Undeserved Love**

(John 19:25-27)

## **Accepting Second Place**

(Peter and John)

## **60 Years Later**

(1 John 3:16)

## **A Literary Masterpiece**

(John 20:30-31)

## **Principles to Live By**

1. Jesus Christ loves all of us unconditionally no matter how selfish and arrogant we are.
2. Jesus Christ wants to have a unique on-going and reciprocal love relationship with all of His children.
3. Jesus Christ has made it possible for us to be a part of a dynamic community of love that not only meets our own needs, but demonstrates to the world that Jesus Christ is the incarnate Son of God.

# **Andrew:**

A Prominent Individual Who Was Willing  
to Put Others First

## **Big Brother's Shadow**

Acts 5:15

## **A Life Changing Experience**

John 1:29-42

## **A Traumatic Experience**

Mark 1:14

## **A Personal Invitation**

Matthew 4:18-20

## **A Gradual Demotion**

Matthew 10:2

Mark 5:37

## **A Faithful Servant**

John 6:1-8

Mark 13:3-4

John 12:20-22

## **Principles to Live By**

1. Jesus Christ needs multiplied millions of men and women like Andrew—true servant-leaders who will build His church.
2. Some of the strongest and most effective leaders in Christian ministry are men and women who are not up-front but who are operating behind the scenes.
3. When we introduce others to Christ who become strong, successful leaders, we will share in their rewards.

## **Philip:**

A Pragmatist Who Became  
a True Believer

Jesus, the Son of Joseph

John 1:35-45

Time to Reflect

John 1:43

A Test of Faith

John 6:1-13

“Lord, show us the Father”

John 14:1-11

## ***Principles to Live By***

1. In view of His claims, Jesus Christ cannot be just a great moral teacher.
2. Every person who sincerely and humbly seeks to know who Jesus Christ really is will discover a satisfactory answer.  
Deuteronomy 4:29  
Luke 11:9-10
3. Doubts and questions are normal even for true Christians, particularly at certain points in their lives.

## **Nathanael Bartholomew:**

A Man Who Discovered That Honesty Is  
Not Enough

### **A Religious Skeptic**

John 1:45-46

### **An Honest Man**

John 1:47-51

### **Jacob's Awesome Experience**

Genesis 28:10-17

### **A Miraculous Encounter**

(Reading Nathanael's Thoughts)

## **Principles to Live By**

1. No matter how many good things we do we cannot save ourselves by doing good works.
2. Having a true salvation experience begins by recognizing God's holiness and our sinfulness.
3. Recognizing and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior from sin is the only way to inherit eternal life.

## Principles to Live By

### **Matthew:**

A First-Century Materialist Who  
Learned to Put God First

### Corruption Personified

Matthew 9:9-12

### Mixed Motives

Luke 5:29

### It Takes One to Know One

Matthew 6:24, 33

1. Jesus Christ wants all Christians to seek first His kingdom and His righteousness.
2. Jesus Christ is still looking for men and women of means who will faithfully use their resources to build the kingdom of God.
3. Jesus Christ wants generous Christians to become models and examples to others who in turn will become generous Christians.