

Every Believer Is Personally Prepared to be a Witness



To get us started

Read John 1:29-42

There is no reason to speculate about the context that Peter and Andrew shared as brothers. If God wanted us to know details of their life before this moment, he surely would have shared those details with us. That said, the word "**brother**" in verse 40 gives us reason to pause and ponder.

Share a few stories about your relationship with your sibling(s) (without ruing their reputation! 😊)

For what reasons do you appreciate this detail in the story? (hint: consider how the account would change if John shared no information about their relationship)

Who am I?

Take a minute to answer the two questions below.

What's the role you've most identified with through your adult life (This is probably the answer to the small talk question, "What do you do for a living?")

What's the role that most impacted you *before* the bulk of your adult life. (This could be an experience in High School or college, a first job, etc.)

If you're in the Confirmed to College group, you probably can't answer those questions yet. Instead, share one life experience that has been most impactful for you. (This could be time on a sports team, theater production, outdoors experience, hobby, etc.)

Digging Deeper

If there's time, read John 1:43-51. Philip is from Bethsaida. The same town Peter and Andrew were from. While we are told Peter and Andrew are brothers, we're told nothing about the relationship between Philip and Nathanael. That said, the nature of the dialogue between Philip and Nathanael gives some clues about their relationship. Re-read the conversation between Philip and Nathanael. What do you notice? Share your observations with the group. (Challenge: There's quite a bit to notice! See how long of a list you can come up with!)

Follow-up: For what reasons are your observations important to the topic of sharing Jesus with others?

One By One: Every Believer Is Personally Prepared To Be A Witness

Pastor David Rosenau

Pastor David Rosenau is a second career WELS pastor with a very unique story. This week's video is a little under 15 minutes long and gives us a glimpse into his unique life experience that God used to personally prepare him for his role in God's Kingdom.

[*watch video*](#)

Pastor Rosenau's life experience might leave Christians with a past that's (shall we say) "less exciting," feeling a bit underqualified. On the one hand, it is good to give thanks to the Lord for people he uses to bring many to faith in Jesus. On the other hand, we'd be mistaken if blessings to the Church, like Pastor Rosenau, left us convinced we have no role. Read Acts 17:22-27. For what reasons is verse 26 so important to hear? (Keep your Bible open to Acts 17! We'll come back here at the end.)

At your table, review the life experiences Pastor Rosenau shared in this week's clip. Discuss ways God used those experiences to prepare him for work in His Kingdom.

Mortician

Detective

At your table, review the ways other individuals placed by God into Pastor Rosenau's life provided him much needed encouragement. Identify blessings provided by that encouragement.

Parents of Sunday School Kids

His pastor

A pastor he didn't know at a homicide scene

MLC Visit

Application

Review the "**Who am I?**" exercise from the beginning of today's session. One at a time, remind the people in your group of your answers. Once an individual has shared their answers to the "**Who am I?**" exercise, it's the job of everyone else in the group to encourage that individual. Help each person see how God might use their unique life experience to prepare them for service in His Kingdom.

If there's time, finish reading Acts chapter 17 (verses 28-34.) This is the first time Paul is sharing the gospel with many of the people in Athens! In the very first sermon he preaches to them, Paul not only shares Law and Gospel, he confronts his listeners with the urgency of the mission Jesus gives to his Church. The risen Christ is coming to judge the world and he's coming soon! This is incredible! No one is better equipped to share the Gospel, than a sinner who's been healed by the Gospel. And the time to do so is short!

At your table, discuss how the way we view our own capabilities impacts our willingness to share the Gospel.

Follow-up: For what reasons does a better understanding of how God has uniquely equipped each one of us provide us with much needed encouragement to share the Gospel with the people God has placed into our lives?