

Taking it Home:

Pastor Matthew provided some categories for us to think about David, Andrew, and Anna:

	Their Profile	Their Response to Grace	Kingdom Activity
David	High Profile	Created the Opportunity	Kingly
Andrew	Low Profile	Connected the Dots	Priestly
Anna	No Profile	Captured the Moment	Prophetic

- If you were to add to this chart a column about what it cost for each person to obey God, what would you add?
- As you consider the three examples given, which personal profile do you most quickly identify with (high, low or no)?
- Which response to grace comes most naturally to you (create, connect or capture)?
- Paul's sermon in Acts 13:16-43 is a great summary of how David served the national of Israel as a picture of the King to come, Jesus. David is memorialized in scripture as a man whose heart is captivated by God (Acts 13:22; 1 Samuel 13:14). In spite of his sin, David consistently returned to the faithfulness, grace, and kindness of God. What sin patterns would you like to see broken as a response to the grace you've received in Jesus?

Recommended Resources

- Faith @Home Guide available at the @Home Center in the foyer

For a restatement of Pastor Matthew's sermon points, visit pastormatthew.net and click on the "Write This Down" tab.

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Notes:

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At Home Study Guide

For the week of September 21, 2014

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Quick Review: Today's message marks the first of an eight part series on discipleship at Bethel Church. We are pleased at the response of so many who want to learn with us how to make disciples in the Fargo-Moorhead area and beyond. The essence of disciple making is following Jesus and taking others with you to Him. Three people in the story of the Bible stand out as models for what this looks like today. Our study of David, Andrew, and Anna should prove helpful to you as you consider how God has uniquely gifted you for work in His Kingdom. As you consider these three examples, give attention to the patterns of sin God wants to break in your life. The grace each person received was so overwhelming that they were prepared to risk it all. Each person laid aside reputation and used their resources so that God would be most important in their lives. Grace changes everything.

My Story:

- What kinds of risk have you had to take to follow Jesus?

- Do you think of yourself as a high profile, low profile or "no" profile kind of person and why?

- When has following Jesus cost you resources or reputation?

Growing Deeper:

- Read the story of David and Mephibosheth as recorded in 2 Samuel 9:1-13. What stands out to you about the risk David is taking? What does this cost him? Put yourself in the sandals of Mephibosheth. How would the initial contact and David's kindness affect your life? David fulfills the covenant promises he has made in caring for Jonathan's family (1 Sam 18:3; 20:42; 23:18; 24:21-22; Psalm 15:1-4).
- Read John 1:35-42; 6:4-13 and 12:20-22. What role does Andrew play in each of these stories? Andrew's name only shows up 13 times in the Greek New Testament compared to the more than 150 occurrences of that of Peter. How did Andrew setup Peter to be successful in the Kingdom of God?
- Anna's story in Luke 2:36-38 reflects a brief but significant encounter of an early follower of Jesus. What do you notice about her demeanor in these verses? What do you know about her character from Luke's account? How did she respond based on her experience with Jesus?