



“Lessons from the Fishing Hole”
w/ Jon Andrews, Missionary to Portugal
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Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. Happy Thanksgiving!!! What is your favorite item on the Thanksgiving menu?

QUICK REVIEW

This weekend we heard from a missionary couple who have now concluded over 35 years of ministry on the soil of Portugal. We praise God for the ministry of Jon and Dot Andrews and our partnership with them. Jon shared several lessons the Lord has impressed upon his heart after these many years of faithful service.

Three lessons from a life of ministry:

1. God’s ways are inscrutable.
2. Service to God is not about our success or our image, but about faithful service where God plants us.
3. Prayer is critical for God’s direction and blessing

Was any point in this weekend’s message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Romans 11:33-36. “God’s ways are inscrutable.” In the context of Romans, Paul is celebrating the unexpected way that God has gone about reaching the Gentiles and, in the end, will join Israel with them in salvation. How has God done things in your life in ways you did not expect? Where have you found unexpected twists and turns that have turned out for your good and amazement?
2. “Service to God is not about our success or our image, but about faithful service where God plants us.” Have you ever experienced frustration when some aspect of Christian life or ministry has not turned out how you thought? On the other hand, have you ever been surprised at how things exceeded your expectations?
3. Read Psalm 115:1-3. How might the truth of these verses humble anyone experiencing much fruitfulness in life and ministry? How might they help someone who is not seeing the fruitfulness they had hoped for?
4. “Prayer is critical for God’s direction and blessing.” Read Acts 13:1-3. What do we learn about the Holy Spirit and his plans for particular people in this passage?
5. Read I Corinthians 12:4-11. Without getting carried off into debate about the “charismatic gifts,” how does this passage apply the principles of Acts 13:1-3 to each and every Christian? How do you discern that you are called to contribute to the cause of making disciples and help the church grow?