

JANUARY 18, 2015

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



1 SAMUEL 3:3B-10, 19

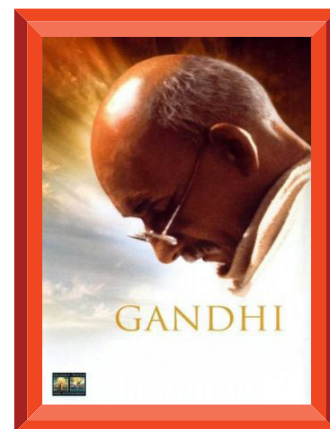
PSALM 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

1 CORINTHIANS 6:13C-15A, 17-20

JOHN 1:35-42

REFLECTION

Think about the last time you got really good news or you were really excited about something. Who did you want to tell first? When something important happens to you, you want someone to know about it right away. It's too much to hold inside and you've just got to talk about it with them and share the excitement. When the Apostle Andrew met Jesus, the first thing he did was go and bring his brother to meet Jesus, too. Andrew had been a follower of John the Baptist, and John tells him that Jesus is "the Lamb of God" (John 1:36). He's the Messiah they have been waiting for. The Scriptures say, "and they stayed with him that day" (John 1:39). Imagine what a day it must have been for Andrew and Simon Peter. They were so inspired, so moved, so changed by Jesus that they ended up following him for the next three years. Their lives, and so many others, would never be the same.



GANDHI [1982]

Mahatma Gandhi was Martin Luther King Jr.'s inspiration for a non-violent movement for civil rights. Watch the story of Gandhi. The movie is a marathon but a fitting tribute to a man who helped change the world.

ACTION

"If you want to be great—wonderful. But recognize that he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. That's a new definition of greatness. By giving that definition of greatness, it means that everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."

—Martin Luther King Jr.

This week, in remembrance of the great civil-rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., try to perform an act of service that addresses racial inequality!

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- Who is the person you want to share your excitement with when you get good news?
- What saying or action of Martin Luther King Jr. or Gandhi struck you the most?