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Next, write "Calling" beside the stories that tell of the calling of Andrew.

Finally, write "Speaking Part" beside those stories in which Andrew has a speaking part. These are the stories we're looking at in today's sermon.

Now answer these questions:

When his name appears in a list, what number is Andrew?

Discuss why.

When Andrew speaks, how is he different from his brother Peter?

How about the other disciples who have speaking parts—Philip, Thomas, James, John—how are Andrew's words different?

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