

# JESUS CHOOSES THE TWELVE

## **Introduction**

After introducing John the Baptist in Mark 1, Mark highlights Jesus' early ministry. It didn't take long for Jesus to attract large crowds, which begin to dominate his time and energy. Today we'll see Jesus get away from the crowds for a moment and construct a critical foundation for the rest of his ministry and for the future church.

## **Scripture for study**

Message Scripture- Mark 3:13-19, Luke 6:12-16

Jesus sends out the apostles- Mark 6:6,12)

The Holy Spirit's power- Acts 1:8

## **Message Outline**

From Disciples to Apostles (v13)

How Jesus Equipped His Apostles (v14-15)

- They were equipped by being with Jesus
- They were equipped with a message
- They were equipped with Jesus' authority

The Men Jesus Chose (v16-19)

## **Discussion Questions**

1. If Jesus was God's Son, why do you think He stayed up all night praying before choosing His apostles? (See Luke 6:12-16)
2. In his sermon, Pastor George had a lot to say about Christian community. Why do you think community is so important?
3. If you were charged with forming a group of people to win others to Christ, what are three characteristics you would look for in those people?

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4. In your opinion, what does it mean to “be with Jesus?” How is it done?
5. Review the list of apostles in the text. Based on what you know about some of those men, what do you think it would have been like in that group? Do you think they often argued? Who do you believe would have been the leader (other than Jesus)? What do you think would have been their greatest barrier to unity?
6. Jesus looked for courage and commitment in his apostles. How did the men he chose exhibit those traits in their lives?

### **Review and Reflection**

Jesus wasn't looking for public speakers, or intellectuals, or extraverts. He was looking for internal qualities like commitment and courage. If you are willing to commit yourself to Him, and if you're willing to courageously step out in faith when He asks, then you're exactly the kind of person He's looking for.