

The Twelve (Session 1)

Introduction to the Apostles



Lesson Objectives

- **Lesson Aim:** Learn from the Apostles how to accomplish God's will.
- **Know:** Learn the characteristics that enable us to influence others for Jesus.
- **Feel:** Value the Apostles as role models in serving the Lord.
- **Do:** Apply the characteristics of the Apostles in our life of faithful service to our Lord.

Lesson 1 - Overview

- The difference between apostle and disciple
- Selecting the twelve
- What the Apostles overcame

Disciple

- Learner, Pupil, Student, Follower
- In full agreement and acceptance

Apostle

- The sent out
- The sent ones

Selecting the Twelve

- Prayed then called the disciples together (Luke 6:12)
- Appointed the twelve

Why 12

- Symbolic of the 12 tribes of Israel
- Symbolized God's new Kingdom

Matthew 10:2-4	Mark 3:16-19	Luke 6:14-16	Acts 1:13-26
Peter Andrew James John	Peter James John Andrew	Peter Andrew James John	Peter John James Andrew
Philip Bartholomew (Nathanael) Thomas Matthew	Philip Bartholomew (Nathanael) Matthew Thomas	Philip Bartholomew (Nathanael) Matthew Thomas	Philip Thomas Bartholomew (Nathanael) Matthew
James (Son of Alphaeus) Lebbaeus (surname Thaddeus) Simon Judas Iscariot	James (Son of Alphaeus) Thaddeus Simon Judas Iscariot	James (Son of Alphaeus) Simon Judas (Son of James) Judas Iscariot	James (Son of Alphaeus) Simon Judas (Son of James) Matthias

The Task

- Jesus delegated His authority
 - Mark 3:14
 - Matthew 16:19; 18:18
- Jesus prepared them for ministry

What They Lacked

- Spiritual understanding
- Humility
- Faith
- Commitment
- Power

Conclusion

- From ordinary to remarkable by God working through them
- We can do the same as we let God work through us