

Sermon Notes

"Jesus Appoints Twelve"

Mark 3:7-19

June 22, 2025

6. What can we learn from Jesus' example of choosing apostles to be with Him and to help Him?

7. Why does Jesus want you to be with him? How does that make you feel? What steps could you take this week to be more with Jesus?

8. What does the fact that Jesus chose as apostles both Simon the Zealot, a political extremist, and Matthw the tax collector, a traitor to the occupying government, tell us about the kingdom of God?

9. How has Christ changed your attitudes toward people, or groups of people, with whom you previously did not associate? What changes in attitude do you feel still need to be made?

10. What difference does it make to you that Jesus chose imperfect people to share in His ministry?

11. How does Jesus view discipleship? How can this inform our own perspective and practice of following Jesus?

Let's Pray:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 06-29-2025

Questions adapted from James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, p. 73-74; Lyman Coleman, et.al., eds., Serendipity New Testament for Groups, Serendipity House, Littleton, CO, 1986, p. 92-93; James Hoover, Mark: Follow Me, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 1999, pp. 22; Ted Dorman, Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Life Change Series: Mark, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1995, pp. 41-43.

Getting Started:

1. If Jesus were to give you a new name (as he did with Simon – calling him Peter, “the rock”), what do you think he would call you? Why?

Digging Deeper:

Read Mark 3:7-19.

2. While the Pharisees and the Herodians were plotting to kill Jesus (3:6), how are the common people responding to him (3:7-12)?
3. What was unusual about the crowds that come to see Jesus (3:7-8)? Why were the crowds so interested in following Jesus? For what reasons do you follow Jesus?
4. What do the details of this story (3:7-19) tell us about Jesus' priorities?
5. How might the events of 3:7-12 bring Jesus to choose the Twelve? What other reasons do you think Jesus had for appointing apostles?