

JESUS CALLED THE TWELVE

Mark 3:1-19

Key Verse: 3:13-14

“Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach...”

1. When Jesus went into the synagogue, who was there and what was his problem (1)? Why were the Pharisees watching Jesus (2)? What was Jesus' intention in telling the man to stand up in front of everyone (3)?
2. How did Jesus teach them what is lawful on the Sabbath (4a)? What does their silence imply (4b)? Why was Jesus angry and distressed (5a)? How did Jesus demonstrate doing good on the Sabbath (5b)? What impact did this encounter with Jesus have on the man?
3. What did the Pharisees' reaction show about them (6)? What do the size, extent and enthusiasm of the crowds coming to Jesus tell us about those times (7-8; 6:34)? What did Jesus and his disciples do for them (9-12)?
4. Read verses 13-15. Where did Jesus go and why (Lk 6:12)? What does it mean that Jesus called those he wanted and they came to him? What stated purpose and intention did Jesus have in calling and appointing the twelve? (Find three elements.)
5. What is the significance of “that they might be with him”? In what respect is this a privilege and duty for disciples? How would knowing Jesus by being with him impact their relationship with him and transform their lives?
6. What mission was he preparing them for (6:7)? How would this preparation shape them for serving his world mission purpose (Mk 16:15; Ac 1:8)? What did it mean that he gave them authority to drive out demons and how did this equip them to carry out their task?
7. Who were the twelve (16-19)? Why did Jesus give special names to three of them? What was Jesus' hope and vision for the twelve?