

INTRODUCTION

- * Up to this point in our study of Luke's Gospel, we have seen the proclamation of the coming of the Messiah and His forerunner. We have then seen the birth and ministry of the Messiah's forerunner - John the Immerser (the Baptist), the proclamation of Jesus inaugurating His Messianic ministry, the authority and power of Jesus displayed through a variety of healings and of demons being cast out. Last week, we saw Jesus begin to ramp up His Messianic ministry by providing corrective instruction regarding the observance of the Sabbath. During this time, Jesus began to call individuals to follow Him. Some did and some did not. We read of some of those who did.
- * Today, we see Jesus take the next step in His Messianic ministry - choosing His primary Ambassadors and giving them their primary Message.
- * If you were to choose twelve men to represent you, or your business, or your ministry ... how would you go about choosing them? Would they send in resumés? Would you have multiple interviews? What criteria would you use to assess the most qualified candidates?
- * What we begin to learn ... or begin to learn in a more intensive way ... is that the Kingdom mindset is unlike the mindset of the world.

INSTRUCTION

I. CHOOSING THE PRIMARY MESSENGERS

A. The P_____ of Christ (cf. Mark 1:35; 6:46; Luke 22:39-46; Mark 9:28-29)

B. The S_____ of the Men

1. THE W_____
2. THE M_____
 - a. They Came to H_____ Him
 - b. They Came to Be H_____ by Him
3. THE D_____ (cf. Luke 10:1)
4. THE A_____ (cf. Luke 9:1; Acts 1:26; 2:42; 2 Peter 3:2; Jude 17)
 - a. Their I_____
 - b. Their D_____
5. THE I_____ (cf. Luke 8:51; 9:28; Matt 26:36-37)

II. COMMUNICATING THE PRIMARY MESSAGE

A. His A_____ (v. 20)

B. His L_____ (v. 20; cf. Luke 16:23; 18:13; 21:28; 24:50)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

C. His T_____

1. FROM W_____ -FOCUSED TO K_____ -FOCUSED
2. FROM S_____ -FOCUSED TO O_____ -FOCUSED

INTROSPECTION

- * How would you describe your decision process? Is prayer a truly significant part in the process?
- * Where are you in the discipleship process, or heirarchy? Are you part of the multitude, or are you a disciple?
- * Are you willing to go to the next level and be a "sent one"? Are you willing - by faith - to be an ambassador of Christ?
- * How are you doing with accepting the Messianic mindset?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * What affect would it have upon our community if those in the multitude became disciples and those who saw themselves as "disciples" would be willing to be ambassadors?