

Lesson 4: 12 Men Who Dared Follow Jesus



God's Word

- † Jesus asked some fishermen to become _____ of men, so they _____ their nets and _____ him.
- † Jesus had many followers, but _____ 12 to be his disciples giving them special _____.
- † _____ warned his disciples that following him is not easy as one must _____ himself and take up his _____.
- † As he was leaving earth Jesus promised the _____ Spirit would give them the _____ to be his witnesses to the _____ of the earth.

Major Point:

In Jesus' time there were many religious leaders like Pharisees and Priests he could have chosen as his disciples or closest followers. Instead, he chose common and unlikely men like tax collectors and fishermen. After 3 plus years with Jesus these men would literally change the world.

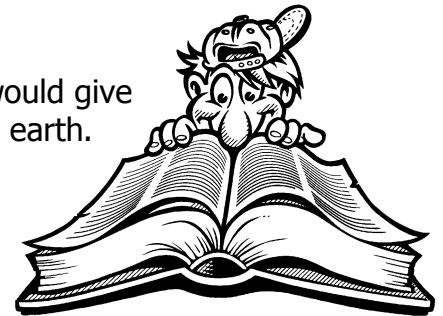
Major Passages:

Mark 1:17-18

Matthew 10:1

*Matthew 16:24

Acts 1:8



Team Time

1. What caused many of Jesus disciples to stop following him in John 6:60-71? How does Peter respond when Jesus asked him if the 12 would leave also? Based on this how should you respond your relationship with Jesus?
2. How do you think the 12 felt knowing that Jesus had chosen them over anyone else to be his special followers? How do you feel knowing that God has chosen you also? What special work might God be preparing you for as his follower?
3. Read Mark 4:35-41, as an occasion where the disciples failed. What do the disciples accuse Jesus of when they waked him? How does Jesus respond and what does he challenge them about their faith? Based on this how can you learn from your failures in following Jesus. Close in prayer thanking God for giving you a second chance when you fail to follow him.

Family Fitness

Y Read together the handout below and answer the following questions.

1. Read "Slow Learners" and answer the Life Question at the bottom of the page. What about the Disciples made them so dense to learn? What caused them change and finally "get it"?

2. Read carefully Mark 3:13-19. Who were the 12 Disciples? Write out their names and use the Subject guide in the back of your Bible to briefly describe each

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Based on what you know about Jesus, why do you think he chose these ordinary men for such an important job? Pray together asking Jesus help you better live out whatever important job(s) He might have for you.

Memory Work

This week's memory work is to memorize the verse of the week (Matthew 16:24) from this lesson and books 7-9 of the New Testament.

This is to verify that I completed the **Family Fitness** and **Memory Work** portion of this week's Confirmation lesson with my student.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____