



His Improbable Companions

Jesus: The Incomparable Leader - Part 6 of 7

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Big Idea: God sometimes takes the most improbable people, and does the extraordinary through them.

Text: Luke 6:12-16, 9:1-6

I. Step #1: _____.

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. – Luke 6:12-16

A. A _____ **diverse group.**

B. A _____ **diverse group.**

C. An _____ **diverse group.**

Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ... Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord."

– 1 Corinthians 1:26-27, 31

II. Step #2: _____.

III. Step #3: _____.

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases. – Luke 9:1

IV. Step #4: _____.

Jesus sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He told them: "Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town. If people do not welcome you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave their town, as a testimony against them." So they set out and went from village to village, preaching the gospel and healing people everywhere. – Luke 9:2-6

So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. – Acts 1:6-9

MEMORY VERSE

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1 Corinthians 1:27