

Twelve Ordinary Men- How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness and What he Wants to Do With You

Chapter 1- Common Men, Uncommon Calling- I Corinthians 1:26-29

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I. Introduction to Chapter 1- The Calling of the Disciples

I. Phase 1- A Calling to Conversion-John 1: 35-41.

II. Phase 2- A Calling to Ministry- Luke 5: 1-11.

III. Phase 3- A Calling to Apostleship- Matthew 10: 1-4 Luke 6: 12-16.

IV. A Calling to Martyrdom- review page 5.

II. Outline of Chapter 1

I. The Timing- review pages 5-8.

II. The Twelve- review pages 9-13.

III. The Teacher-review pages 14-21.

IV. The Task-review pages 21-24.

V. The Training-review pages 24-27.

III. Questions and Review

1. Jesus knew all the faults of the men he chose before he chose them. He even knew Judas would betray Him (John 6:70, John 13: 21-27), and yet He chose the traitor anyway and gave him all the same privileges and blessings he gave to the others. What observations about Jesus occur to you based on the way Jesus chose His disciples ?

2. Why is the calling of the disciples called an “ Uncommon Calling” ?

3. The key Scripture passage for chapter 1 is I Corinthians 1:26-29, what does this passage teach about God and His purposes, is there a relationship to how he chose His disciples ?

4. Why did the focus of Jesus’ ministry turn from the multitudes to the few? (review page 7 of chapter 1).

5. If you had been one of the 12 disciples, how do you think Luke would have described you ?

6. The disciples lacked humility, faith, commitment and power, however, the Master shaped them to: be examples of virtue, to perform miracles to confirm their message and to edify the church.

7. What does this lesson mean to the church and to you as a disciple of Jesus Christ ?