

## The Appointing of the Twelve Apostles - Mark 3:13-19

*Topics:* Authority, Call, Choices, Demons, Evangelism, Follow, Leadership, Ministry, Teamwork, Witnessing

### Open It

- \* 1. By what criteria do you choose your friends?
- 2. What qualities do you think are important in a friend?
- 3. What qualities do you think are important for a person who is a leader in the church?

### Explore It

- \* 4. What is the setting of this story? (3:13)
- 5. How did the apostles respond to Jesus' call? (3:13)
- 6. Why did Jesus choose His disciples? (3:14)
- 7. What did Jesus want His apostles to do with their time? (3:14-15)
- \* 8. What did Jesus expect of the men He designated apostles? (3:14-15)
- 9. Who would send out the apostles and give them authority to drive out demons? (3:14-15)
- 10. What sort of declaration was Jesus making to His enemies by choosing and commissioning the Twelve? (3:14-15)
- 11. What did Jesus do with some of His followers and not others? (3:16-19)
- 12. What unusual men did Jesus choose? (3:16-19)
- \* 13. What was unusual about some of the men Jesus chose? (3:16-19)

### Get It

- 14. What criteria do you think Jesus used to choose His apostles?
- 15. Why do you think Jesus wanted the apostles to spend time with Him?
- 16. What can we learn from Jesus' example of choosing apostles to be with Him and to help Him?
- 17. What does the fact that Jesus chose as apostles both Simon the Zealot, a political extremist, and Matthew the tax collector, a traitor working for the occupying government, tell us about the kingdom of God?
- 18. How has the call of Jesus Christ in your life changed your attitude toward people with whom you previously would not have associated?
- 19. Why do you think Jesus assigned new names to some of the apostles and not to all of them?
- 20. What do you think the men themselves thought about their opportunity to be one of Christ's disciples?
- 21. What attitudes or actions do you feel still need to be changed in your life to more fully obey Christ's call to follow Him?
- \* 22. What difference does it make to you that Jesus chose imperfect people to share in His ministry?
- 23. What specific role do you think God has given you to fill in this world?
- 24. How can we determine how best to serve God with our particular gifts and abilities?
- 25. What do you think the leadership of your church could learn from the way Jesus chose His twelve followers?
- 26. How can you personally become more involved in teaching and helping others serve Jesus?
- \* 27. From what other more mature believers can you learn?

### Apply It

- \* 28. What would be your first step toward learning from a more mature believer in your church?
- 29. In what ways can you depend on others to carry the weight of God's work at this time in your life?
- 30. What specific steps can you take this week to help one other person use in God's service a skill that God has given him or her?

