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lesson 1 — introduction

I. Who Were The Disciples?

A. Definition of DISCIPLE- a follower of Christ

1. There were many who would be called “disciple”
2. Jesus then called them His APOSTLES
 - *means “ones who are sent”
 - *these 12 Disciples who were “sent” were able to speak and perform miracles
 - remember, this is all before the “Holy Spirit” would indwell all believers

B. Who were they?

1. They were plain, ORDINARY men with faults
2. They were not religious or political LEADERS
3. They were STILL chosen by Jesus (knowing their inabilities)
I Corinthians 1:26-29; Acts 4:13
4. God chose to use those who were USEABLE (**I Timothy 3:2-7; Titus 1:6-9**)

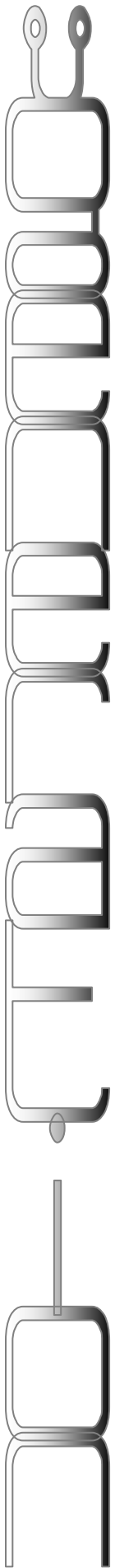
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II. What Did They Do?

- A. They FOLLOWED, they LISTENED, and they put into ACTION what they learned
- B. Their teaching became the only form of Christ’s teachings and church doctrine
- C. They would be the first “CHRISTIANS”, being “little Christ’s” wherever they went
- D. God poured out His BEST on them (**Luke 18:28-29**)

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Small group discussion

Question: What are some things we learned about the group of disciples Jesus picked?

Question: Most would say that Jesus could have made a bigger impact if he would have chosen to use the political or religious leaders of that day. Why did he choose 12 nobodies?

Read **I Corinthians 1:26-29**

Read **II Corinthians 12:9-10**

Question: What should our attitudes be as we see our weaknesses?

Discuss: God's desire is to use those that He can receive the glory from. But, we have to be useable. We have to be striving for a right relationship with Christ for Him to pour his blessings on us and use us.

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Discuss: Not only were they useable, but they put into action what God had taught them.

Because of that, God was able to do amazing things through them.

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