

Luke 6:12-19 Jesus Selects the 12 Apostles (Mark 3:13-19)

Jesus's Selection Process

12 Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

1. Pray hard before selecting someone to disciple.
 - It is a Biblical given that you will have disciples
 - Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore[a] and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.
 - Why Pray? God sees the heart. (These will be the people you pour your heart and soul into.)
 - Early on I tried to disciple everyone. (Bad Idea)
 - You are not a disciple of Jesus until you make a disciple of Jesus.

13 And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles:

2. Separate out individuals who agree to the process of discipleship.
 - Mark 3:13-15 And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him. 14 Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, 15 and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons:
 - The purpose of Discipleship - Jesus multiplies Himself in the apostles

14 Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; 15 Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; 16 Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.

3. Jesus selects the called, not the qualified.
 - Fisherman, Tax Collector, Zealot, Galileans
 - R. T. France, in his commentary on The Gospel of Matthew (NICNT, 2007), laments: even an impeccably Jewish Galilean in first-century Jerusalem was not among his own people; he was as much a foreigner as an Irishman in London or a Texan in New York. His accent would immediately mark him out as “not one of us,” and all the communal prejudice of the supposedly superior culture of the capital city would stand against his claim to be heard even as a prophet, let alone as the “Messiah,” a title which, as everyone knew, belonged to Judea (cf. [John 7:40-42](#)).
 - **John 1:46** And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

17 And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, 18 as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. 19 And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.

4. Show them the ropes, not just teaching, but demonstrating the way.

- Greek Culture – Teach via lecture an oration. Collect knowledge (**something you KNOW**)
- Hebrew Culture – Demonstrate via apprenticeship. Collect skills (**something you DO**)

5. Jesus Model

- Pray First
- Select
- Show
- Release

Application Questions

- Are you a disciple who makes disciples?
 - If not why not?
 - What has held you back?
 - If yes, do you just teach, or do you show the way?
 - Is your discipleship a lecture or a demonstration of obedience?
- How will you apply this teaching?