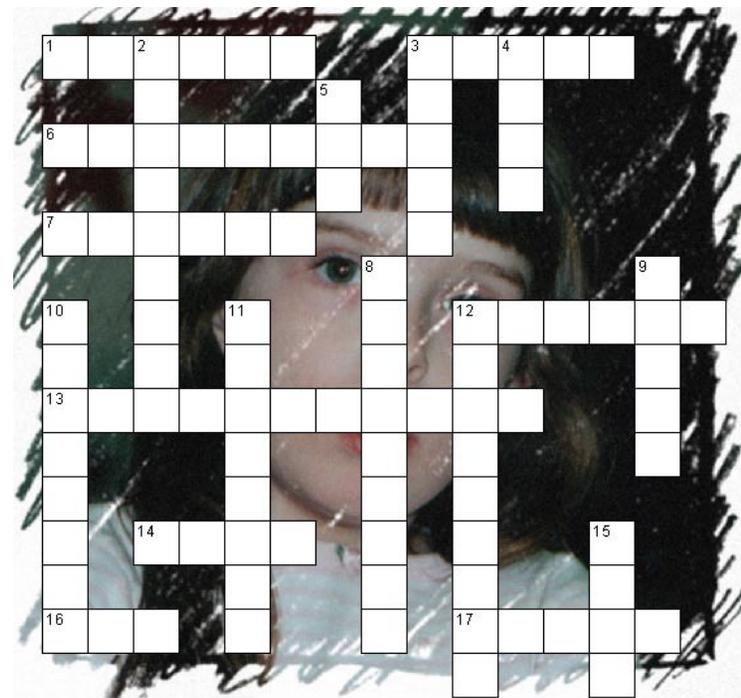


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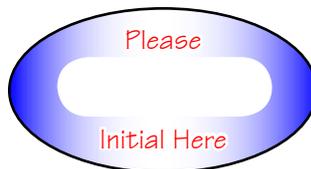


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| 1. One of the apostles. | 2. The Lord chose apostles from among His _____. |
| 3. ...miracles and works of _____. | 3. One of the twelve apostles. |
| 6. The New _____. | 4. ...preaching the _____ of God... |
| 7. The Holy _____. | 5. The _____ Testament. |
| 12. Jesus _____ all night before choosing the twelve apostles. | 8. An apostle is one who is _____ chosen and sent... |
| 13. ...crucified, _____ and ascended. | 9. The Lord _____. |
| 14. The _____ Spirit. | 10. ..._____ and works of power... |
| 16. ...they would no longer be able to _____ Him. | 11. They heard all of His teaching and _____. |
| 17. The Lord Jesus prayed all _____. | 12. ...work of _____ the word of God and bringing salvation to man. |
| | 15. One of the twelve apostles. |

Parent's Initials:



God's Calling in the New Testament

- Lesson Four -

In the Gospels – The Twelve Apostles

I. Overview.

There were many people who followed the Lord Jesus. Some followed Him because of their curiosity. Others followed Him, hoping to be healed or fed. Some followed Him because of love and faith. These became His “disciples.”



The Lord Jesus prayed all night before choosing the twelve apostles.

As the Lord’s ministry grew, He needed some to work together with Him. The Lord considered this matter much. Who would be His special helpers? One night, He prayed all night concerning this matter. In the morning, out of His many disciples, He chose twelve to become apostles. An apostle is one who is chosen to become a “sent one.” He chose them to send them out to preach His word. They went with Him everywhere, by foot or by boat. They watched His way of life and learned many things from Him. This was a particular calling of the Lord in the New Testament.

II. Memory Verse.

“He called His disciples to Him, and He chose from them twelve, whom He also named apostles.”

(Luke 6:13)

III. Lesson.

In the previous lessons we have seen how the Lord called some of His first disciples. After the Lord had worked in His ministry for a while, He had many disciples. Because of His need for help with His work, He needed to give a special calling to some among His disciples.



The Lord trained the apostles for the work He chose them for.

The Twelve Apostles

The Lord prayed all night to the Father, considering who among His disciples would be chosen to be an apostle. In the morning, He called His disciples together and chose twelve from among them and made them apostles. An apostle is one who is specially chosen and sent to do work in a purposeful way. All of the disciples we read about in the earlier lessons, Peter, Andrew, James and John, were among the apostles appointed by the Lord.

These twelve went everywhere with the Lord. They heard all of His teaching and parables. They saw Him do many miracles and works of power. They were often corrected and trained by the Lord. The twelve apostles were also given power and authority from the Lord to carry out the work of preaching the word of God and bringing salvation to man. He helped them to pray and to come to know God in a full way.

Appointed to Work in the Lord's Ministry

The Lord took much care to teach and train His apostles. He did this in a purposeful way, knowing that soon He was not going to be with them in the flesh. He knew that soon He

would be crucified, resurrected and ascended. Though He would still be with them as the Holy Spirit, they would no longer be able to see Him.

The Lord knew that after His death and resurrection, He would send them out to preach the gospel and raise up churches in many places. This is why He spent so long training them. Eventually, some among these apostles wrote down many things that the Lord taught them and many things that He revealed to them after His resurrection. These writings became the books of the New Testament – the most important books ever written. How important was the Lord's calling of His twelve apostles!

— Questions for Discussion —

1. What is an apostle?

2. What did the Lord Jesus do the night before He chose the twelve apostles?

3. Why did the Lord train the apostles?"

4. What did the apostles do?

