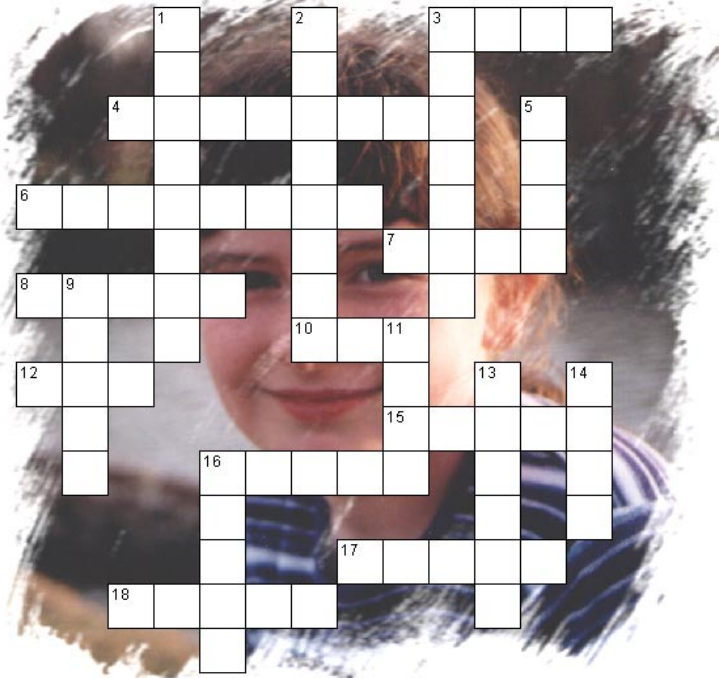


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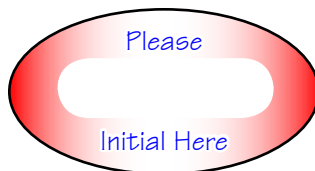


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| 3. Peter got the _____ to the kingdom. | 1. The twelve _____. |
| 4. Jesus took the apostles to the top of a high _____. | 2. It is wonderful to have the disciples and apostles as our _____. |
| 6. ...both the Jews and the _____. | 3. The keys to the _____. |
| 7. Peter and James and _____. | 5. ...to _____ the door of the church to both the Jews and the Gentiles. |
| 8. He got the keys to the kingdom. | 9. ...experiences of Christ will _____ us to serve Him faithfully... |
| 10. The Christ, the _____ of the living God. | 11. ...the good _____ of the gospel... |
| 12. His face shone as the _____. | 13. ...the Son of the _____ God. |
| 15. His garments became brilliantly _____. | 14. ...the _____ and the Gentiles. |
| 16. Peter and _____ and John. | 16. The Lord _____. |
| 17. His face _____ as the sun. | |
| 18. Not a lie. | |

Parent's Initials:



God's Calling in the New Testament

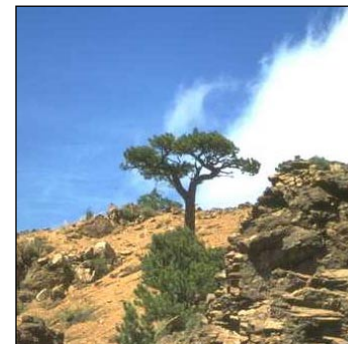
- Lesson Five -

In the Gospels – The Apostles Peter and John

I. Overview.

The special experiences that Peter and John had with the Lord Jesus caused them to become the two most useful apostles among the twelve that the Lord appointed. Over the years they became strong men of God who could bear the Lord's burden and share in His work with Him. They became pillars in the church.

Of the twelve apostles, there were three who were especially close to the Lord – Peter and James and John. Because of their



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

close relationship to the Lord, they were brought into special experiences. These experiences with the Lord caused them to become brothers with remarkable testimonies. The apostle James had such a striking testimony for the Lord that he became the first of the apostles to be martyred for the Lord. Peter and John both lived much longer and became very useful to the Lord in His work. We continue to benefit today.

II. Memory Verse.

“Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up alone into a high mountain privately. And He was transfigured before them.”

(Mark 9:2)

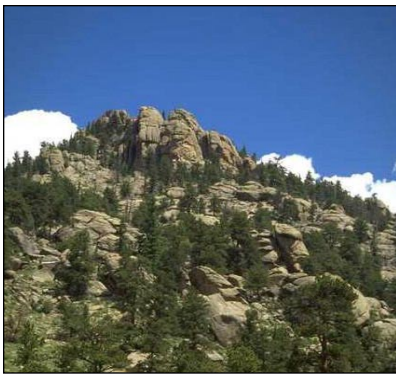
III. Lesson.

The apostles Peter and John were called by the Lord Jesus to work with Him in His ministry. They were very useful to Him. Because they became very close to the Lord, they had richer experiences than any one else. This made them different persons.

Peter's Revelation of Jesus as "The Christ"

One one occasion, when the Lord was with His disciples, He asked them "Who do men say that I am?" There was some discussion, which showed that no one really knew who He was. He then asked them "Who do you say that I am?" Peter spoke up and said "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!" Immediately, the Lord told Peter that he was blessed, for only God could have revealed such a marvelous truth to Him.

The Lord then told Peter that He would give him the keys to the kingdom. This was a great responsibility entrusted to Peter. Later, Peter used these "keys" to open the door of the church to both the Jews and the Gentiles. According to the Lord's word to Peter, He had made him a great "fisher of men", who brought many people into the kingdom of God.



The Lord took three apostles to the top of a high mountain.

The Mount of Transfiguration

On another occasion, the Lord took Peter and John and James to the top of a high mountain. There He revealed Himself to them in all His glory. His face shone as the sun and His garments became brilliantly white. No one had ever seen the Lord's glory in such a way.

The Lord charged Peter and James and John not to tell anyone about this revelation until after He had been raised from the dead. This experience of the Lord changed the lives of these apostles and gave them a striking testimony.

We should all desire to develop as close a relationship with the Lord as possible. As we answer His calling of us, we will experience Him and will become His testimony. Like the apostles, our experiences of Christ will equip us to serve Him faithfully in bringing the good news of the gospel to those whom we meet. It is wonderful to have the disciples and apostles as our patterns in answering the calling of the Lord Jesus in the New Testament.

— Questions for Discussion —

1. Which three apostles were the closest to the Lord?

2. How did Peter come to understand who the Lord Jesus really was?

3. What happened on the Mount of Transfiguration?

4. What will equip us to faithfully serve the Lord?

