

Called and Commissioned

Text: Mark 3:13-19

Context - As the ministry of Jesus grows, he chooses 12 men to assist in the display of the Kingdom of God.

Main Idea - As Jesus called and commissioned the 12, he calls and commissions us today.

A follower of Jesus...

1. _____ His call (vs. 13)

A. According to the parallel passage in Luke 6:12, Jesus considered the appointment of the 12 so important that he spent the entire preceding night in prayer.

B. In the night of his betrayal Jesus was able to say to his disciples, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit ..." (John 15:16) (William Hendriksen)

2. _____ His authority (vs. 14-15)

A. Jesus appointed them and equipped them to preach the message of the Kingdom of God and to cast out demons.

B. Jesus gives his disciples authority today to share the message of the Kingdom and to drive out the darkness.

3. _____ with the appointed (vs. 16-19)

A. Jesus brings together the 12 and sends them out to do ministry. The word apostle means one who is "sent out."

B. Christians today are called by Christ to assemble and then to be sent out to proclaim the Gospel. Like the original 12, our assembling is also appointed.