

Twelve Ordinary Men

Chapter 1

- 1) Page 18 – Jesus spent “all night” in prayer before he chose his disciples. What does this indicate about the nature of Jesus’ prayer?

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- 2) According to MacArthur there are 4 phases to these men becoming apostles: conversion, ministry, apostleship and martyrdom. How did this process build upon each phase to equip these men to build Christ’s church?

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- 3) MacArthur states, “The Twelve were like the rest of us; they were selected from the unworthy and the unqualified. ... Their transformation into vessels of honor was solely the work of the Potter.” If you agree with this statement what does it mean concerning your relationship with the Lord?

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- 4) “Upon their selection, the twelve apostles in effect became the true spiritual leaders of Israel. The religious elite of *apostate* Israel were symbolically set aside when Jesus chose them.” Pg.14 Does this make you re-evaluate the importance of the leadership of the Twelve within Israel?

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- 5) On pages 24 and 25, MacArthur speaks about the relationship between the words “apostello” and “shaliah.” How do you see these words relate to each other?

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- 6) On page 26 and 27 it speaks of the progression of how the training of the Twelve was lived out. How do you relate this process with the training of believers today?

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