



MAKING A CHANGE - 12 Disciples

Life is full of change. Sometimes, the changes we make are not good. However, don't forget the positive changes you have made. Let's check out a Biblical case study.

Luke 6:12-19 - One of those days Jesus went to a mountainside to pray; He spent the night praying to God. When morning came, He called His disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom He also designated apostles. Simon (whom He named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James, son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, Judas, son of James, and Judas Iscariot who became the traitor.

1. Y N Were there more than 12 disciples following Jesus?
2. Y N Do you think there is any significance as to why these 12 men were listed this way?
3. What did Jesus do before He chose these men? _____

Matthew 4:18-23 - And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon, called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fisherman. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishermen of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, Jesus saw two other brothers, James & John, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them; immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. Jesus went about Galilee teaching, preaching, and healing.

4. Which disciples were called to ministry in these verses?
a. _____ c. _____
b. _____ d. _____
5. What were they doing when Jesus called them? _____
6. What did He asked them to do? _____
7. What were giving up to make this life change? _____
8. What were they gaining to make this life change? _____

Mark 2:14-15 - As Jesus passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax table. And Jesus said to him, "Follow Me." So Levi (Matthew) arose & followed Him.

9. Why do you think Matthew follow Jesus?

- a. Y N Matthew was sick of his lonely, rejected life.
- b. Y N Jesus put a spell on him so that he couldn't resist.
- c. Y N Matthew couldn't resist that someone wanted him.

10. What was he giving up to make this life change? _____

11. What was he gaining to make this life change? _____

John 1:43 - The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the same town where Peter and Andrew lived.

12. Y N Is it possible that after Peter and Andrew made their life-changing decision there in Bethsaida, they shared the news with some home-town friends? (Like Philip?)

John 1:43-50 - Philip found Nathanael (Bartholomew), "WE have found the Messiah who the prophets promised - Jesus of Nazareth, son of Joseph". Nathanael said, "Can anything good come from Nazareth? Philip said, "Come and see for yourself." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him (a choice) & said, "I am looking at a genuine and sincere Jewish man." Nathanael responded, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered, "Before Philip spoke to you, I already saw you & knew who you were." Nathanael answered, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel."

13. Nathanael obviously knew and/or studied the O.T. Scriptures. He asked two questions: "How do You know me" & "Are You real"?
How do we know Nathanael made a life decision to change?

14. We have met 7 disciples so far. List the 5 we still need to meet.

- a. _____ d. _____
- b. _____ e. _____
- c. _____

15. Y N Though their individual calls are not recorded, did they too make a decision to follow Jesus?