

Jesus Appoints 12 Apostles

Hempfield United Methodist Church

"Live Like Christ"

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The Disciples are ready to serve!

What is Discipleship?

The simplest definition is that discipleship is the imitation of Christ. Jesus wants to teach us how to live. By imitating his life, we can learn a better way. A deeper definition is that it is an orientation to the principles, values, and practices of the kingdom of God. Through discipleship, Jesus trains us for service.

Mark 3:13-19

13 Jesus went up the mountain and summoned those he wanted, and they came to him. **14** He appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, to send them out to preach, **15** and to have authority to drive out demons.

16 He appointed the Twelve: To Simon, he gave the name Peter; **17** and to James the son of Zebedee, and to his brother John, he gave the name "Boanerges" (that is, "Sons of Thunder"); **18** Andrew; Philip and Bartholomew; Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, **19** and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

**Here are four simple ideas of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.
Living this way prepares us for a lifetime of service to Christ.**

1. Pray

Jesus often withdrew to lonely places to pray. He taught his disciples that prayer is a way of connecting personally to God. God deeply values the prayers we pray in private.

2. Know the Scriptures

Everything Jesus did was based on the truths revealed in the Bible. The disciples of Jesus knew the Bible and learned from Jesus how to correctly interpret it.

3. Grow Together

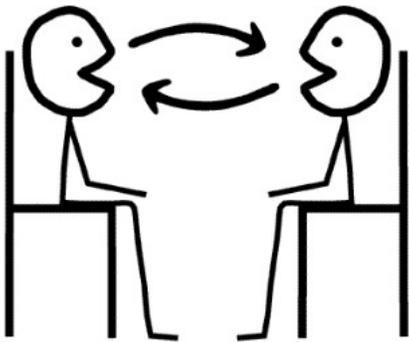
Jesus called many disciples to follow him. His intention was that they would learn and serve together. The joy of the Christian life is found in sharing our journey with other believers.

4. Invest in Others

At the end of his ministry, Jesus gave his follower the command to make disciples of all nations. The church is therefore a body of disciples who are working together to bring others to God.

Your Notes: *What is God saying to you.*

Application *for Abundant Living*



Invest in Someone!

Jesus decided to build his kingdom not through policies or programs but by investing in people.

If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, you can invest in someone who wants to grow as you have grown.

So who are the people you can invest in?

Questions *for Group Discussion*

In what areas of your life are you attempting to imitate Jesus?

In what areas are you thriving? - What areas need improvement?

Who are you currently investing in?

Is there someone you know who would benefit from your experience?

How might you invite them to learn from you?