



LIFEWAY LITE

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Ice breakers

If a movie was made of your life what genre would it be, who would play you?

What would the title of your autobiography be and why?

Main Idea

God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called. God uses people that would be faithful to Him and He equips them to do the work that God has called them to do.

Weekly Challenge

Devote Daily- Be mindful to look for opportunities the Lord brings before you to be a faithful nobody. When you become aware of them, use your gifts to impact lives and build the kingdom of God. Also, reflect on the fact that God choose you to be a disciple despite your imperfections and equipped you to make heaven crowded. Let this truth humble you and influence how you see others.

Key Verses- Mark 3:13-19

Afterward Jesus went up on a mountain and called out the ones he wanted to go with him. And they came to him. Then he appointed twelve of them and called them his apostles. They were to accompany him, and he would send them out to preach, giving them authority to cast out demons. These are the twelve he chose: Simon (whom he named Peter), James and John (the sons of Zebedee, but Jesus nicknamed them "Sons of Thunder") Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddaeus, Simon (the zealot), Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him).

Discussion Questions

- 1) Why did Jesus choose 12 disciples? What qualified them to be his disciples?
- 2) What's the difference between a disciple and an apostle?
- 3) How has God gifted you? How have you used/how are you using your gifts to build the kingdom of God?
- 4) Is there something that, at times, keeps you from operating in your gifts and calling as a disciple? If yes, what is it and why does it hold you up?
- 5) How do you think Christ would have responded to the lady's question posted in the "All about Celina" Facebook group? Why do you suppose many of the Christians in that group responded differently from Khara? Were their responses Christlike? How would you have responded?
- 6) Dig deeper: How would you classify yourself: A hopeful nobody? A faithful somebody? An unfaithful somebody? Or, a faithful nobody? Why would you classify yourself in this manner? If you classified yourself as anything other than a faithful nobody, what steps can you take to start operating in this manner?



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Simon/Peter	Brother of Andrew, fisherman
James (son of Zebedee)	Brother of John, fisherman, business owner
John (son of Zebedee)	Brother of James, fisherman, business owner
Andrew	Brother of Peter, fisherman; disciple of John the Baptist
Philip	Former follower of John the Baptist, most likely a fisherman
Matthew	Tax Collector
Thomas	Most likely a fisherman
James (son of Alpheus)	Possible brother of Levi (Matthew)
Thaddaeus	Not much is known of him prior to Jesus
Simon the Zealot	Zealot party, Jewish group, zealous for the law and tradition.
Bartholomew aka Nathanael	Not much of him is known prior to Jesus
Judas Iscariot	Not much is known of him prior to Jesus; treasurer



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After the ascension of Christ

Simon/Peter	Leader of early church, 1st missionary to gentiles and Jews. Martyred in Rome.
James (son of Zebedee)	1st Apostle killed during the church age
John (son of Zebedee)	Authored books of the Bible, Influential in church beginnings, last apostle to die.
Andrew	Ministered in various places
Philip	Became an evangelist
Matthew	Ministered in Palestine and to gentiles
Thomas	Became a missionary to Parthia or India
James (son of Alpha)	1st home and foreign missionary
Thaddaeus	May have been sent on to mission to a king
Simon the Zealot	Possibly preached in Egypt and/or Persia
Bartholomew aka Nathanael	Became a missionary in India
Judas Iscariot	Betrayed Jesus, killed himself