



THE HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

THIS WEEK AT THF

▶ THURSDAY

THF Men - Bible Study & Fellowship

6:30am-7:30am

UPCOMING AT THF

▶ AUGUST 11

THF Family Swim Night at TTU Leisure Pool

July 7, 2024

Please continue to check all of our social media outlets and our website for updates to weekly activities and Sunday Services.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

June 30, 2024

BUDGET GIVING: \$13,139.00

BUDGET NEEDS: \$18,919.00

YEAR TO DATE

BUDGET GIVING: \$524,019.48

BUDGET NEEDS: \$489,192.00



^{^ Not So}
THE DIRTY DOZEN

The first ministers were the twelve disciples. There is no evidence that Jesus chose them because they are brighter or nicer than other people. Their sole qualification seems to have been their initial willingness to rise to their feet when Jesus said, "Follow me."
Frederick Buechner

Why this study?

Understanding the disciples/apostles is **FOUNDATIONAL** to the church.

The wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were written the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
Revelation 21:14 nlt

Their teaching became **OUR BIBLES**.

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe[a] came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.
Acts 2:42-43 esv

We find great **ENCOURAGEMENT** as we view their recruiting and training.

I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word...
John 17:26

→ Out of **THOUSANDS** of people who chased Jesus...He **CHOSE twelve!**

Observation 1: Jesus used MULTIPLICATION not ADDITION

You maximize yourself not just by **ATTRACTING** but by **INVESTING**

QUOTE CRAIG KRAFT...DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES CF 2 TIMOTHY 2:2

Matthew 10	Mark 3	Luke 6	Acts 1
Simon (Peter)	Simon (Peter)	Simon (Peter)	Peter (Simon)
Andrew	James (Zebedee)	Andrew	James
James (Zebedee)	John	James (Zebedee)	John
John	Andrew	John	Andrew
Philip	Philip	Philip	Philip
Bartholomew (Nathanael)	Bartholomew (Nathanael)	Bartholomew (Nathanael)	Thomas Bartholomew
Thomas	Matthew	Matthew	(Nathanael)
Matthew	Thomas	Thomas	Matthew
James (Alphaeus)	James (Alphaeus)	James (Alphaeus)	James (Alphaeus)
Thaddaeus (Judas; Labbaeus)	Thaddaeus (Judas; Labbaeus)	Simon (Zealot) Judas of James	Simon (Zealot) Judas of James
Simon (Zealot)	Simon (Zealot)	Thad, Labbaeus	Thad; Labbaeus
Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot

Notes from The Heights

Series: Larger Than Life

→ There is **DECREASING INFORMATION** and **INTIMACY** about each group as you read down the list!

Group 1 -

Peter

James

John

Andrew

Group 2 -

Philip

Bartholomew (Nathanael)

Thomas

Matthew

Group 3 -

James son of Alphaeus

Thaddaeus (Judas, Labbaeus)

Judas of James

Simon the Zealot

Judas Iscariot

PETER - always listed **first** in the list and **first** in his grouping is an indication that he was their natural **LEADER** and **SPOKESPERSON**

MATTHEW and **THOMAS** are most often connected together...Thomas is not a **PROPER NAME!** It is an Aramaic word for **TWIN**! **TWINS??**

Matthew is called **LEVI**, the son of **ALPHEAUS** by Mark ^{THREE BROTHERS?} 2:14

The disciples had **CONTRASTING**...and sometimes **CONFLICTING** backgrounds...

- Peter - John
- Nathanael - Thomas
- Matthew - Simon Zealotes
- Judas Iscariot - the group

Observation 2: You can love all, but you will never be REALLY CLOSE to EVERYONE

→ The training of the twelve was less **MIRACULOUS**; and more **MUNDANE In His steps!**

Spiritual growth is not just **INTENTIONAL** but **INCREMENTAL**. We grow through a process. We grow step by step. Everybody needs a pathway to move on.
 - Rick Warren

STEP ONE:

Jesus called them to **SALVATION** *John 1:35-42*

STEP TWO:

Jesus called them to **ABANDON** themselves and chase Him
QUOTE: CHAMBERS/ABANDON *ex:Luke 5:1-11*

STEP THREE:

Jesus **SENT** them out and then **REELED** them back in *Matt 10:5; Lk 9*

STEP FOUR:

Jesus gave them a **FINAL COMMISSIONING** *Matt 28:19-20; Acts 1:7-8*

Observation 3: Being a disciple is a LIFE not an EXPERIENCE

END: GK CHESTERTON QUOTE

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