

WELCOME (BACK)!
Men's Fellowship Breakfast

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Follow Me: Lessons from the Lives of the Disciples

#1 – Introduction: “What Are You Seeking? .. Come and See”
John 1:35-42

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Matthew 10:1-4

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Thesis for our Semester

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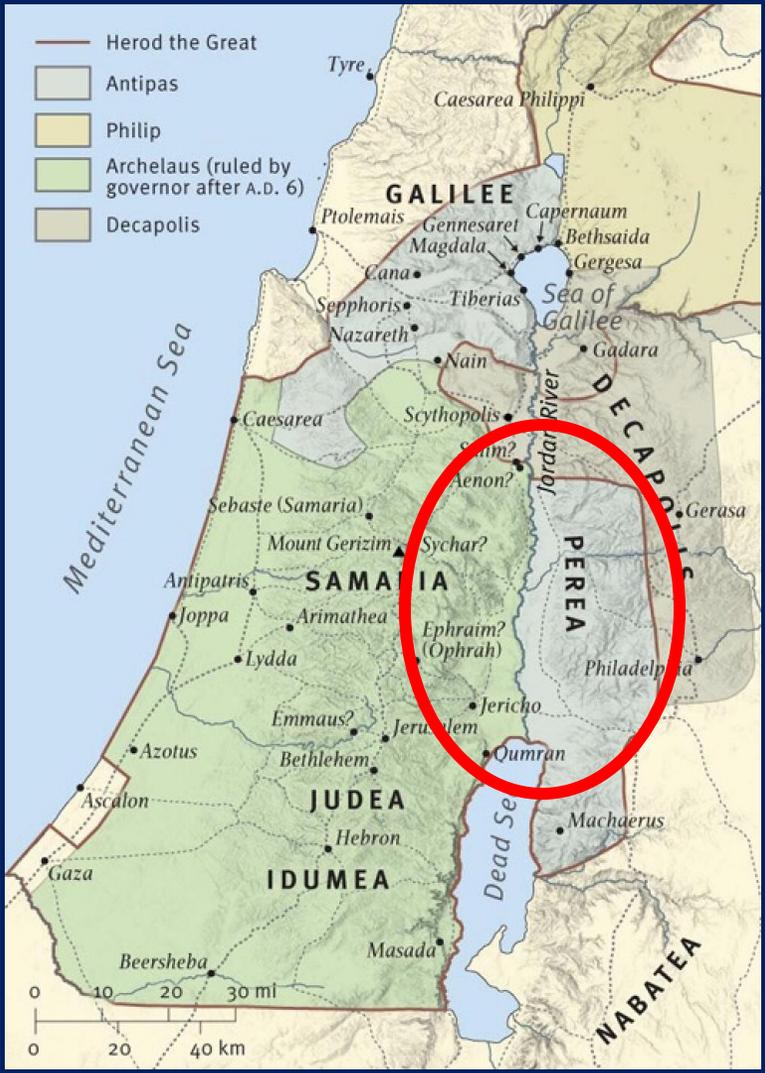
“I have always been fascinated with the lives of the twelve apostles. Who isn't? The personality types of these men are familiar to us. They are just like us, and they are like other people we know ... They are real and living characters we can identify with. Their faults and foibles, as well as their triumphs and endearing features, are chronicled in some of the most fascinating accounts of the Bible. These are men we want to know. That's because they were perfectly ordinary men in every way ...”

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“... Yet with all their fault and character flaws – as remarkably ordinary as they were – these men carried on a ministry after Jesus’ ascension that left an indelible impact on the world. Their ministry continues to influence us even today.”

- **John MacArthur, *Twelve Ordinary Men***

Context for John 1:35-42



John 1:35-42

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

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“No one is qualified for the Jesus movement - He alone can call unqualified followers to lead His movement forward today. Throughout all of history no one started out as a qualified leader for Jesus, and we are all unworthy servants at best ... yet He continues to call the unqualified and the unworthy to do the supernatural. Amazing!”

- **Bill Lawrence**

Broken Leadership: Three Years to Change the World

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- *Jesus’ question (1:38): “What are you seeking?”*

“It is the first question which must be addressed to anyone who come to Jesus, the first things about which he must be clear.”

- Rudolph Bultmann

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- *Jesus’ question (1:38): “What are you seeking?”*
- *Jesus’ invitation (1:39): “Come and you will see.”*

John 1:12

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, *he gave the right to become children of God.*

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- 2) Someone who is called to follow after Jesus Christ and obey Him. (*Sanctification*)

1 Peter 1:13-16

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, **you also be holy in all your conduct**, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

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- 3) **Someone who is called to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ and tell others about Him. (*Mission*)**
 - *“Found”*
 - *“Messiah”*

Matthew 28:19-20 - The Great Commission

“Go therefore and *make disciples of all nations*, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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1 Corinthians 1:26-26

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

Discussion Questions:

- 1) How would you answer Jesus' question: "*What are you seeking?*" Have you "found" Him by trusting Him as your Savior and "following" Him as His disciple?
- 2) Do you agree with the statement: "*Jesus uses ordinary men to accomplish His extraordinary mission*"? Do you believe Jesus wants to use you to accomplish His mission? Why or why not?
- 3) Has Jesus ever used you to accomplish His mission? If so, how? What are some ways that we can accomplish Jesus' mission in our present day?
- 4) What else are you hoping to learn as we go through our study on the lives of the disciples this fall?

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