

Living Connections Bible Study



The Apostles

Prayer

Text: Matthew 9:35 – 10:15

Icebreaker: Make a list of miracles you can think of from the Old Testament.

God has proven His faithfulness to His people down through the centuries, but miraculous displays of His power through signs and wonders have been relatively few and of short duration as in the days of the Exodus as God confirmed His choice of Moses to lead His people out of Egypt, and Joshua to lead them in conquering the land of Canaan. God also confirmed that Elijah and Elisha were his true prophets during a time of apostasy when many in Israel had turned to follow the false prophets of Baal. It wasn't until the ministry of Jesus that we see such mighty displays of God's miraculous power again. And Jesus passed on His might power to the Apostles who were to lay the foundation for His Church.

1. How did signs and wonders demonstrate that Jesus was God’s appointed Messiah?
Matthew 9:35; Isaiah 61:1-3; Acts 2:22

2. Who did Jesus empower to help Him minister to the multitudes that were coming to Him for help? Matthew 9:36-38; 10:1, 8; Mark 6:7

3. What new title did Jesus give to His disciples as He paired them up and sent them into all the cities of Israel? Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 6:30

4. Describe this first mission Jesus gave to His disciples as Apostles? Matthew 10:5-15

5. What qualifications were required of the one who would take Judas Iscariot’s place to be one of the Apostles? Acts 1:20-26

6. What important responsibility did Christ give to the Apostles and prophets?
Ephesians 2:19-20

We do not deny God's power to work miracles and heal through the Church today. But the power and authority that Jesus invested in the Apostles was unique. We have not seen anything like this since the days of the Apostles in the first century Church.

7. How were signs and miracles a part of the official credentials of the Apostles, proving they were Christ's personal representatives to lay the foundation for the early church?

Acts 2:42-43

Acts 5:12-16

Hebrews 2:3-4

8. What amazing distinction was given to Paul even though he did not come to Christ till years after Jesus ascended back to the right hand of His Father? When did He receive His commissioning by Christ? Romans 11:13; Acts 26:12-18; Galatians 1:1, 11-17; 1 Corinthians 9:1-2; 15:8-11

9. How did God confirm to the early church that Paul was His appointed Apostle?

2 Corinthians 12:11-12

Acts 19:11-12

10. What instructions did James give us for today when we become sick? James 5:14-16

Think about it this week:

Jesus said,

Freely you have received. Freely give!

Matthew 10:8