

How to Change the World Part Three

John 6:66-69

Introduction: We talked last week about the choosing of his disciples and the closeness they shared with one another. The apostles were the most dedicated disciples the Lord could find because they were humble enough to be willing to learn. Christ demanded their obedience, as He does to us today, and they responded. That's why they were first called disciples and later apostles. Those who were not willing left (John 6:66) and those who were trying to follow Him and this world stuck out as sore thumbs (Luke 18:18-30).

I. They Learned (John 17:17, Romans 10:17)

- A. Christ was imparting what He was told by the Father (John 12:44-50, 5:24-30)
- B. They learned as much as they could (John 15:11-17)
- C. The Holy Spirit was to guide them in the rest (John 14:26, 16:5-15, I Corinthians 13, II Peter 1:3)

II. They Performed

- A. They were assigned things to do (John 4:2, Mark 6:7)
 - 1. They first went out on a limited commission (Matthew 10:5-11:1)
 - 2. They would be sent out on the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)
- B. They faltered at times
 - 1. They sometimes struggled with understanding (Luke 22:24-30)
 - 2. They quarreled amongst themselves (Mark 9:33-37, 10:35-37, 41, Galatians 2:11-15, Acts 15:36-41)
 - 3. And with others (Luke 9:51-54)
- C. But they stayed the course (Acts 2-28)

III. They Taught Others

- A. The final step was to take what they knew to others (Matthew 16:16-18, 18:19, Acts 1:7-8).
- B. The ones they taught were commanded to teach others also (II Timothy 2:2, Acts 18:24-28)

Conclusion: These are the same things that will work for us today. These are the things we **MUST** do here in Ocala. When we get ourselves on the right track, come together with our sights on God, are willing to learn, work, and finally to teach others, we will be an unstoppable force in this area and around the world!!