

THE APOSTLES OF CHRIST

Read: Luke 6:12-16; Acts 1:15-26

1. List those commonly referred to as “the twelve” and identify as many as you can with a single phrase or sentence that relates a fact or relationship by which he is known.

Select one with whom you are not well acquainted and write a brief paragraph about him on the reverse side. Use online resources and / or Bible reference material available in the church library.

2. How did these disciples react or respond on the occasion of Judas’ betrayal (Read Matt. 26:47-56)? Write your personal reflections in view of this event, stating your hopes and intentions as a disciple. What is your take-away lesson?
3. Discuss the degree to which the teaching and writing of the apostles were / are authoritative. Read Luke 24:44-48; Matt. 19:28; Acts 15:1-16:4; Eph. 2:19-20; Acts 2:42; Matt. 18:18; Jn. 20:21-23; Acts 1:8.
4. What supernatural gift(s) were promised to the apostles? See John 14:26 and Mark 16:17-20. How do these validate the authority of their teaching?
5. There are religious groups in existence today that claim to have apostles, according to a teaching known as “apostolic succession.” Respond to that claim in light of the following.
 - a. the qualifications for apostle (Review Acts 1:15-26)
 - b. the need for apostles today (See 1 Pet. 1:3; Jude 3;
 - c. the testimony in heaven (Rev. 21:14)
6. What is our responsibility with regard to the teaching of the apostles? How may we fulfill that responsibility? See Acts 2:42.