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Galilee followed him; **8**hearing all that he was doing, they came to him in great numbers from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and the region around Tyre and Sidon. **9**He told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, so that they would not crush him; **10**for he had cured many, so that all who had diseases pressed upon him to touch him. **11**Whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and shouted, “You are the Son of God!” **12**But he sternly ordered them not to make him known. **13**He went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him. **14**And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message, **15**and to have authority to cast out demons. **16**So he appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); **17**James son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); **18**and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean, **19**and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

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You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; **2**and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well.

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Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. **15**Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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Jesus teaches and heals the multitudes.

Gathers and delegates to the disciples: they help him with crowd control, they are partners in his ministry even before he gives them authority and power.

Appoints the Apostles: they are brought closer in order to be sent out

**Who does Jesus call?**

Those “he wanted” and those who “came to him”. It is possible that some of the people Jesus invited to join him on the mountain that day would have liked to come, but weren’t available or didn’t understand its importance.

**For what purposes does Jesus select**

**out the twelve?**

To be with him, to proclaim the message, to have authority to cast out demons: to be with him and to be like him.

**According to these passages,**

**what are some of the identifying**

**characteristics of a leader?** “…present yourself to God as one approved by him” and “faithful people, able to teach others” Leaders are distinguished by their faithfulness to God and the Mission.

**IDENTIFY POTENTIAL LEADERS**

**Spend a few minutes identifying potential leaders based on these characteristics of potential leaders.**

**CREATE LEADERSHIP CULTURE**

**To see potential leaders develop** within our ministry we must create a culture that activates the priesthood of all believers where everyone can hear from Jesus a calling and have the freedom to obey it.

* **Give permission** for people to hear from Jesus and say “Yes” to his call.
* **Speak regularly** about following “your calling” and invite people to explore what theirs is.
* **Celebrate** when people leave, lead and otherwise obey what Jesus is calling them to do.
* Help people **process and reflect** as they take risks to lead others and obey Jesus.

**Evaluate your leadership culture based on these elements.**

**What needs to change to create an environment for potential leaders to thrive?**