SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

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## JESUS AND THE TWELVE LUKE 6:12-16; 9:1-6

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### (Luke 6:12-16; 9:1-6)

## **Simple Stories**

1. The Lighted Lamp (Luke 8:16)

2. The Mustard Seed (Luke 13:18)

3. Yeast (Luke 13:20,21)

## Who Were the Twelve?

Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot

#### they were ordinary men

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took note concerning them that they had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13).

#### •they were 'called' men

After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow Me," Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed Him (Luke 5:27, 28).

#### • they were decisive men

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him (Luke 5:10, 11).

#### they were chosen men

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountain side to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also designated apostles (Luke 6:12-13).

#### they were designated apostles

Apostolos – an envoy, delegate or ambassador, sent out with a message and carrying the authority of the sender

#### **Special Qualifications of Apostles**

#### 1. Jesus *chose* them 2. Jesus was with them and showed Himself to them (Mark 3:14,15; Acts 1:22) 3. Jesus commissioned them 4. Jesus promised and gave them the Holy Spirit

• They were foundation witnesses and the founding fathers of the church

They were men who had reverential fear of the Lord Jesus



#### Jesus Sends out the Twelve

i) Jesus calls/commissions: sent out on mission

# ii) Jesus equips : He gives them power and authority

God does not call those who are equipped. He equips those whom He has called. (Smith Wigglesworth)

#### iii) The message (Luke 4:43)

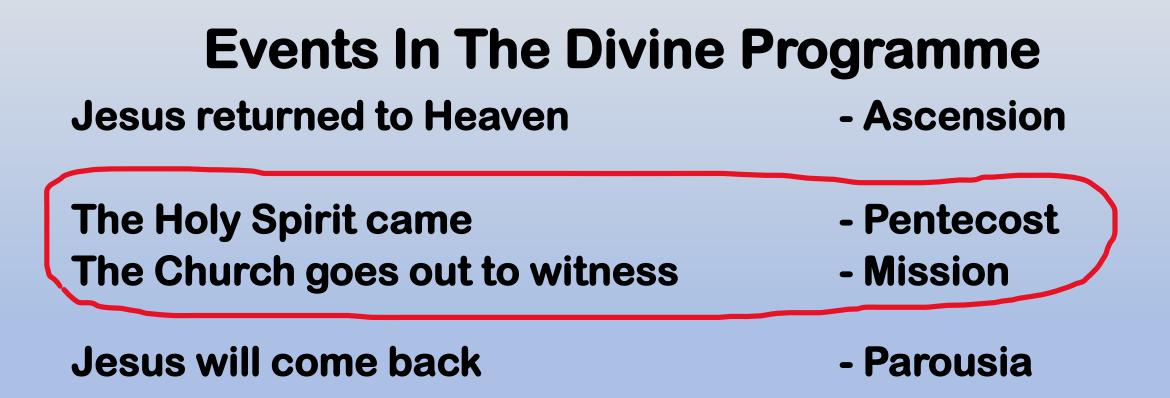
*"I must preach the Good News of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I am sent."* 

#### **Kingdom of God**

- the rule and reign of God
- the presence of the Kingdom of God in the person of Jesus
- King Jesus is here!

#### Instructions

- Travel light. Trust God
- Stay in one place
- Be ready to expect resistance/rejection of the message



*The angels: You have seen Him go. You will see Him come. But between that going and coming there must be another.* <u>*The Spirit must come, and you must go – into the world*</u> *for Christ.* 

(John Stott)

## TESTIMONIES