

"The Twelve Apostles"

Workshop Outline for Participants

Resources for Study of "The Twelve Apostles"

How do the 12 Apostles fit into Jesus' Ministry?

Handout: Timeline Summary for the Twelve Apostles (p. 2)
The Apostles in the Order they were called by Jesus (p.3)
Facts about the Twelve Apostles (pp. 26-28)

What do we know about the Apostles and their response to Jesus actions?

Paper 139 "The Twelve Apostles"

Paper 143:3 "Diversion and Relaxation"

Paper 172:5 "The Apostles' Attitude"

Paper 174:0 "Tuesday Morning in the Temple"

Paper 191:0 "Appearances to the Apostles and Other Leaders"

Paper 192:2 "Visiting with the Apostles Two and Two"

Handout (pp. 4-25)

Overview

After an opening prayer or worship, the first page of the handout will give an overview of the purposes of this workshop. The group then will quickly take a brief tour of the contents of the handout to understand the resources it contains and how they will be used.

Objectives

1. To learn more about each of Jesus' Apostles.
2. To gain an understanding of how *The Urantia Book* coordinates references to each apostle, descriptions of their reactions to particular events, and advice from Jesus.
3. To understand how the psychology and background of each apostle impacted his work in the 4th Epochal Revelation after Jesus died.
4. To apply the patterns drawn from the apostles' experiences, psychology, and capabilities to our own lives.

How do the 12 Apostles fit into Jesus Ministry?

Review the Timeline Summary and Apostles for an overview of how the Apostles fit into Jesus life. Who came first? What were they doing before joining with Jesus? How did Jesus come to know them? Why might Jesus have chosen them?

What do we know about the Apostles and their response to Jesus actions?

Choose an Apostle and read the description in the handout about each Apostle's strengths, weaknesses, and emotional states, in addition to his reactions to Palm Sunday, entering Jerusalem, the Last Supper, the Last Breakfast, and Resurrection Sunday? Answer questions #8 to 12 in the handout. Be ready to summarize your responses on a sheet of chart paper and share your observations with the rest of the group.

Andrew	Matthew Levi
Simon Peter	Thomas Didymus
James Zebedee	James Alpheus
John Zebedee	Judas Alpheus
Phillip	Simon Zelotes
Nathaniel	Judas Iscariot

How can we use what we have learned about the Apostles to predict their efforts to spread the 4th epochal revelation after Jesus died?

Use the observations that were made about each Apostle to predict the kinds of contributions that they are most able to make after Jesus died. Add those to the chart paper summarizing each Apostle.

How can you apply what you have learned to your own life?

Given each apostle's personality traits, spiritual successes and struggles, and responses to key moments, what can we learn for ourselves so that we can better cooperate with our Thought Adjusters? How can we better contribute to the spiritual progress of Urantia?