

- Now we know about seven who worked for Jesus; Andrew, Peter, James, John, Philip, Nathaniel, Matthew

MT, PAS – GOD HAS CHOSEN YOU TO DO SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR HIM

John 15:16 – “*Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit . . .*” (M.V.)

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- At close of the Sabbath day, the Lord went to a mountain to pray

- It was important that the right ones be chosen, so He talked to His Father about the disciples

LOC #6, FC 6-6

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- In the morning, He came down and chose five others: Thomas, James, Simon, Thaddeus, Judas
- Though each one was different, Jesus chose *these* 12 men to be His disciples
- They would do something special for God; perhaps you could do something special too

- First you must accept Jesus

INVITATION

Rev. 3:20 – “*Behold, I (Jesus) stand at the door (the door of your heart), and knock: if any man (or woman, boy or girl) hear My voice, and open the door (ask Him to come in), I will come in*”

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BOW HEADS RESPONSE

CHALLENGE

G - Go over MT GOD HAS CHOSEN YOU TO DO SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR HIM

R - Review PAS verse

John 15:16 – “*Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit*”

O - Overview PAS examples

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W - Will you do it?

LIFE OF CHRIST #6

John 1:29, 35-50; Mark 1:16-30; 2:13-17; Luke 6:12-16

- One by one and two by two, the neighborhood gang gathered on the vacant lot

- “Hey,” said Jim, “There are enough for a ball game; you choose for your team, then me”

- Jim picked Mark; Barry chose Dick ... Jim picked Sally and Barry chose Jill

- Artie knew he would be last to get picked; he just couldn’t hit a ball very straight

- Then came an open house at school; everyone wanted Artie to do the poster—great at art

- There is something about being chosen that makes you want to do your very best

- One day, Jesus said, “*I have chosen you*”; who did Jesus pick, and why? Listen carefully

LOC #6, FC 5-2

- In the days when Jesus lived, people often looked up to teachers

- Sometimes traveled with them to learn more as they taught

- These people who followed a teacher were called *disciples*

- A disciple is a learner, one who believed teachings of the one he followed

- One day the Lord walked near where John the Baptist was

- John, “Look, the Lamb of God who takes away sin of world”

P, E – Hebrews 9:22

“*. . . Without shedding of blood is no remission.*”

LOC #6, FC 6-1

- John & Andrew were with John the Baptist next day when Jesus walked by; they followed Jesus

- Jesus turned toward them, “What are you looking for?” “Teacher, where do You live?”

- Jesus, “Come and see”; they stayed with Him the rest of the day & learned wonderful things

- Andrew could hardly wait to share with his brother Simon, “We have found the Messiah”

- No wonder Andrew was excited, they had looked for Messiah, hoped He'd come; here He IS!

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- Quickly, Simon joined Andrew and they hurried to find Jesus

LOC #6, FC 6-2

- "You are Simon," said Jesus, "Your name will be Peter"

- They were so excited, perhaps they told their friend Philip

- Next day the Lord found Philip, "Follow me," Jesus said; Philip became Jesus' disciple too

- Philip found Nathaniel

LOC #6, FC 6-3

- "We have found Promised One," he said, "The One Moses wrote about ... comes from Nazareth!"

- "Nazareth!" Nathaniel said, "... can anything good come from there?" Philip, "Come and see"

- When Jesus saw Nathaniel, said "Here is truly an honest man"

- Nathaniel, "How did You know me?"; Jesus said, "I saw you sitting under the fig tree"

- Jesus knows you and loves you!

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- "Teacher, You are the Son of God," said Nathaniel

- Jesus must have smiled; said, "You will see greater than this"

- We have learned of five men who became disciples of Jesus

- Andrew, Peter, and John were fishermen; John's brother James worked with them

- After they met the Son of God, they must have talked about Him more than anything

LOC #6, FC 6-4

- One day, the fishermen were getting nets ready for work

- Jesus, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men"

- This was a special call to follow Jesus; it meant ... leave your work, just come, learn about Me

- How do you think they felt?

- They must not have thought about it for very long. Bible says ...

- ... Immediately, Peter and Andrew left their nets; they chose to do something special for Jesus

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- The disciples were willing to trust the Lord; they knew God would take care of them

- It may have been hard for those fishermen to imagine that Jesus could love everyone

- Some must have wondered if He could love Matthew, tax collector

- One day, Jesus walked along shore; people crowded around Him

LOC #6, FC 6-5

- Some disciples there, but Jesus looked only at Matthew, "Follow me," Jesus said

- Matthew left his desk and followed

- The Son of God chose fishermen, honest men like Nathaniel

- He chose dishonest tax collector

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Romans 3:10 – "As it is written, 'There is none righteous, no, not one.'"

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- Matthew wanted his tax collector friends to know about Jesus; he invited them to dinner with Jesus

- Jewish leaders didn't like what they saw ... men who were dishonest, thieves, & probably gamblers ... with JESUS!

- "Why do you eat with tax collectors and sinners?" they asked

- Jesus, "People who are healthy don't need a doctor, just the sick. I came to help the sinners turn from their sins"

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