

***Sermon Title:* "COMMON MEN, UNCOMMON CALLING"**

Date: June 9, 2024 - 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

Central Idea: If you are a child of God through Jesus Christ, it's not because of who you are, but in spite of it.

Introduction:

Jesus' public ministry in His hometown of Nazareth was surrounded with controversy. After His first public message (Luke 4:28-30), the people tried to kill Him. He became more popular as His ministry expanded. As His message intensified, the crowds drifted away, "...this teaching is hard. Who can accept it?" (John 6:60)

Many rejected such bold preaching. However, the Twelve with commitment and faithfulness stayed. John 6:66 says these ordinary, common men responded to His calling, "From the moment many of his disciples turned back and no longer accompanied him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, 'You don't want to go away too, do you?'"

I. Distinct Stages of His Calling

1. Call to Conversion, John 1:36
2. Call to Ministry, Luke 5
3. Call to Apostleship, Luke 6:12-16
4. Call to Martyrdom

II. Appointment to Apostleship, Luke 6:12-16

1. The Timing, Luke 6:12
2. The Teacher, Luke 6:12; 5:16
3. The Task, Luke 6:13; 9:1-2
4. The Training, Matthew 15:16-17; Luke 24:25
 - (1) They lacked spiritual understanding.
 - (2) They lacked humility.
 - (3) They lacked faith.
 - (4) They lacked commitment.
 - (5) They lacked power.

Conclusion:

Acts 4:13, "When they observed the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed and recognized that they had been with Jesus."

These men "turned the world upside down!" (Acts 17:6) They preached the gospel, planted churches, and changed the world—even today's world. Are you available to God to help change the world?