

Sermon Title: PETER—THE APOSTLE WITH THE FOOT-SHAPED MOUTH

Date: June 23, 2024 - Luke 6:13-16; Luke 22:31-32

Central Idea: Great leaders will grow in grace and knowledge. Are you growing spiritually?

Introduction:

Peter was genuinely human. That is good! He was always himself; he never pretended. Peter had gifts of leadership, and he had something that we call personality. Another quality we like about Peter is his wholeheartedness. He was sometimes on the wrong side of the fence, sometimes on the right side, but he never straddled it.

I. Calling the Twelve

II. Calling of Simon, Luke 6:13-16

(1) Peter

(2) Rock

III. Calling to Serve, John 21:15-17

IV. Calling to Leadership, Matthew 4:18-20

1. Raw material

(1) Inquisitiveness

(2) Initiative, Matthew 16:13-20

(3) Involvement, Matthew 14:26-28

2. Life experiences

3. Character qualities

(1) Submission, 1 Peter 2:13-18

(2) Restraint

(3) Humility, Matthew 26:31-35

(4) Love, John 13:4-10

(5) Compassion, Luke 22:31-32

(6) Courage, John 21:18-19

V. Peter's Death

Conclusion:

Peter's life could be summed up in the final words of his second epistle: "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). That is exactly what Simon Peter did, and that is why he became Rock—the great leader of the early church.