

***Sermon Title:* THE FINAL FOUR**

Date: August 25, 2024 - Luke 12:12-16

Central Idea: What an amazing power there is in earnest prayer. Do you pray?

Introduction:

The final four apostles chosen by Jesus were not as well known as the others, except for Judas Iscariot.

Jesus Christ while on earth followed three methods of work. The first was the performing of miracles, the second was teaching, and the third was working through His apostles. The establishment of this last method was a necessity because the work was extending and pressing, and Jesus, in the limitations of His humanity, was unable to do it alone.

I. Christ Calls for Special Work through Special Disciples.

1. Discipleship, Luke 5:10, 11, 27, 28
2. Ministry, Luke 5:29
3. Apostleship, Luke 6:13-16; 9:1-6

II. Christ Calls for Completeness.

III. Christ Is Willing to Use Anyone.

1. Character matters.
2. Availability matters.

Conclusion:

“He spent the entire night in prayer to God,” Luke 6:12.

Jesus aims were so far-reaching that it was essential to provide not only for the present, but for the future. These handpicked individuals would travel with Jesus, learn from Him, and be granted special authority to share in the responsibility of proclaiming His kingdom message.