

Mark 3:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,

Analysis

He ordained twelve that they should be with him and that he might send them forth to preach. Ordained *epoīēsen* made appointed constituted. Twelve number significant twelve tribes new Israel. That *hina* purpose clause. Should be with him relationship primary. Intimacy fellowship learning precedes ministry. Send them forth *apostellē* send as authorized representatives apostles. To preach *kērussein* herald proclaim. Mission follows relationship. Discipleship before apostleship. Being with Jesus essential foundation for ministry. Knowledge of Christ personally prerequisite for proclaiming Him. Reformed theology emphasizes ministers must know God personally before teaching others. Character before gifting relationship before activity. Seminary education without personal walk with Christ produces sterile ministry.

Historical Context

Apostles *apostoloi* sent ones authorized representatives speaking with senders authority. Ancient world apostle carried credentials represented sender. Jesus sent twelve with His authority to proclaim kingdom. Three year intensive training living traveling eating learning from Jesus. Relationship primary assignment secondary. Modern ministry often reverses this emphasizes activity over intimacy. Twelve selected from larger disciple group. Others followed but twelve had special appointment. Paul later became apostle through direct Christ appearance Damascus road. Apostolic ministry unique foundational era. Modern ministers are

not apostles in that sense but principle remains relationship with Christ prerequisite for ministry.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. Why does Jesus emphasize being with Him before sending them forth to ministry?
2. How does apostolic model of intensive relationship before ministry challenge contemporary ministry training models?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἐποίησεν	δώδεκα	ἵνα	ὦσιν	μετ'	αὐτοὺς	καὶ
And	he ordained	twelve	that	they should be	with	him	And
G2532	G4160	G1427	G2443	G5600	G3326	G846	G2532
ἵνα	ἀποστέλλῃ	αὐτοὺς	κηρύσσειν				
that	forth	him	to preach				
G2443	G649	G846	G2784				

Additional Cross-References

Acts 1:8 (Parallel theme): But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

John 15:16 (Parallel theme): Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Galatians 1:1 (Parallel theme): Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)

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