

Peter—A Lesson in Leadership

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 10.

B. The apostles started out as learners and became sent ones.

1. They were given to build the body. (Ephesians 6)
2. They were the first to model virtue in the church.
3. They were the foundation of the church. (2 Corinthians 12)

C. Phases of Jesus' instruction.

1. He calls them by way of conversion.
2. He calls them into full time training.
3. He sends them out to get their feet wet.
4. He sends them out into the nations.

D. The apostles were essential for the Christian faith.

E. They were given authority to cast out demons and heal.

F. They were common people.

II. Things to know about the apostles.

A. Peter was their leader. (1 Timothy 1:15)

B. There were circles of intimacy in the twelve. A leader cannot become intimate with everyone.

III. Peter is the key to understanding how to develop a leader.

A. One must have the right raw materials.

1. Good leaders ask questions. Good leaders are always learning. (Mark 13)
2. Leadership takes initiative.
3. Leadership is always in the middle of the action.

B. One must have the right experiences.

1. There must be a revelation. (John 6; Matthew 16; 26)

2. There must be commission.
3. There must be restoration. (John 21)

C. One must have life lessons.

1. Submission. (Matthew 17)
2. Restraint. (John 18, 1 Peter 2)
3. Humility.
4. Sacrifice. (John 21:19)

Application Questions:

1. Why should we consider Peter a special case for leadership?

2. What kind of experiences do you need to have in order to be qualified for leadership?

3. Which life lesson do you find yourself the weakest in? How can one go about developing in this area?
