



## Dig Deeper Study Guide

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church - February 26, 2012

### Sermon

The Apostles:

*“Bartholomew”*

Matthew 10:2-4, Acts 1:13-14,

John 1:45-51

by Bob Shank

Things I want to remember  
about this sermon...

Monday 2/27/12

Matthew 10:2-4

Read this list of disciples. Are these the twelve you remember learning about or reading about in scripture? Did any of these names surprise you? What do you know about these twelve? Are some unfamiliar to you? Why? Take some time today to find some of the stories in the Bible about these twelve disciples. Find out more about them! Study them so you can become more like them in your daily walk with God.

Tuesday 2/28/12

Acts 1:13-14

Read this list of disciples. Are there any differences from the list in Matthew chapter 10? Why is there a difference? What were these disciples doing in this scripture passage? What is the timeline in history between the book of Acts and the gospel of Matthew? Which book was written first?

Wednesday 2/29/12

Mark 3:16-19a

Read this list of disciples and again compare this list to the other two lists of disciples. Are there any changes? What descriptive titles are added to this list? Can you tell why Mark might have added these descriptions?



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Things to do this week in response to the sermon...

*Who was Bartholomew?*

*Is there anything about him that makes him special?*

*Do you find any ways in which you identify with Bartholomew? What are they?*

Thursday 3/1/12  
Luke 6:14-16

Now, finally, read this list of disciples and see if there are any changes again. How does this list differ from the other three? Who is listed first? Is this consistent with the other lists? Why do you think this is the case? Is it important? Who is listed last? Is this consistent in the other lists, too? Is this significant? Why? If you were going to make a list of disciples, in what order would you put them? Why?

Friday 3/2/12  
Matthew 10:24-25

What is a disciple? How would you define this title, "Disciple?" What about "Apostle?" How are these two terms different? What is Matthew saying about disciples here in this passage of scripture? Do you consider yourself a disciple of Jesus? Why or why not? How can you become a disciple? Are you willing to follow Jesus and give your life to him? Pray today that Jesus will become your Master and Savior, or recommit yourself to being his disciple and learn more about how to follow Jesus more closely.

Saturday 3/3/12  
Luke 14:26

What does Luke say are the requirements to be a disciple? Do you think it is easy or hard to be a disciple of Jesus? Why? What do you think Luke means when he says, "does not hate his father...?" How much do you love Jesus? How much do you think he loves you? Take a few moments today to think about and reflect on this quality of love. Is your love for Jesus strong enough? How could you make it stronger?