

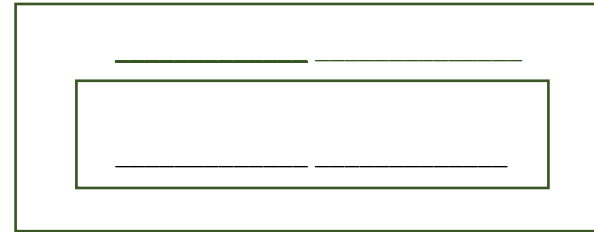
ESSENTIALS TO DISCIPLESHIP – Part I

Reference: **miscellaneous Scripture**

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References: **Matthew 10:1-2; Luke 6:12-13** (see screen)

Fill in the boxes.



Reference: **Mark 3:13-15** (see screen)

The word “apostle” is translated from the Greek word “*apostello*” and meant “to _____.”

Definition: An apostle was one _____ representing someone else.

So, those twelve men became “sent out ones” or “apostles” dispatched from Jesus in order to fulfill a strategic mission that He would assign them.

Since the death of John there have been no more apostles in the same sense as John and the other original apostles.

However, some churches and religious organizations teach a doctrine called _____.

This succession doctrine states that generations of apostles have succeeded from those original apostles throughout the centuries until there are in modern times men who still function as apostle; although, these men might or might not have the actual title apostle.

Two religious communities that teach a form of apostolic succession are:

- _____
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, formerly known as the _____

The _____ is a phrase that theologians use to describe the period of time when the original apostles were alive and active on this earth. That apostolic period stretched from about 30 AD through 95 AD.

Two biblical reasons we know that there are no more apostles in the original sense:

REASON ONE is that no one now can ____ what the apostles _____.

- The original apostles were _____ by Jesus Christ
Reference: **Matthew 10:1** (see screen)
The Greek verb translated “*called*” is an intense word that means “to call to _____” in an actual literal sense.
- The original apostles were actual eyewitnesses to the _____ of Jesus Christ.
Reference: **Acts 1:21-22** (see screen)

REASON TWO is that no one now can ____ what the apostles _____.

- The original apostles performed miracles as _____ to authenticate their apostleship.
Reference: **II Corinthians 12:12** (see screen)

Definition: The *mighty deed* is the actual miraculous _____.

Definition: The *wonder* is the emotional _____ someone has after just witnessing a miracle.

Definition: The *sign* is the _____ for doing the miracle.

- The original apostles laid the _____ for the church.
Reference: **Ephesians 2:19-20** (see screen)

During the first century there was an apostolic _____ (Reference: **Acts 1:20-26**) and an apostolic _____ (Reference: **miscellaneous Scripture**).

Those men that held the apostolic office might be categorized as capital letter “__” apostles. Those were the original twelve apostles plus Matthias and Paul.

Those men that didn’t hold the apostolic office but had the apostolic gift might be categorized as small letter “__” apostles.

Some small letter a apostles included James (**I Corinthians 15:7; Galatians 1:19**) Barnabas (**Acts 14:4, 14; I Corinthians 9:6**) Silas and Timothy (**I Thessalonians 2:6** compared to **1:1**) Andronicus and Junia (**Romans 16:7**) Epaphroditus (**Philippians 2:25**) and Apollos (**I Corinthians 4:6,9**) and others.

The original capital letter **A** apostles that held the **apostolic office** were apostles sent out from _____ Himself.
Then the small letter a apostles that had the **apostolic gift** were apostles sent out from _____ (cross cultural missionaries, church planters, etc.)

There is an extremely dangerous movement in evangelicalism called **NAR** i.e. the _____ movement.

Definition: NAR is the assertion that God is restoring the offices of church governance, i.e. the offices of _____ and _____.

Some New Apostolic Reformation doctrines related to Dominionism and Kingdom Now teaching:

- Spiritual _____
- Grave _____
- Seven _____