

SERMON NOTES - June 27, 2021

Mt.10.2a “Becoming A Leader” - Matthew Series: ‘THE KING IS COMING’ #134

The apostles were **equal** in their divine commission, authority, & power; & one day they will sit on equal thrones as they judge the 12 tribes of Israel (19.28).

Peter was **the first**, the **foremost** member of the twelve.

Jesus ...

- ✓ **loved** all the apostles equally,
- ✓ empowered them equally, &
- ✓ promised them equal glory;

Peter did all the preaching - Men of equal status & office & even of similar giftedness may have different **functions** relative to the uniqueness of their gifts.

All of the twelve, including Judas, were **integral** parts of the Lord’s plan – Peter was the central figure.

Three elements instrumental in Peter’s preparation.

1.) THE RIGHT **STUFF**

(1) Peter is seen continually **asking questions** of Jesus.

- ❖ Peter’s questions reflected a **genuine** concern about Jesus & His work - though they were superficial & immature.
- ❖ Jesus used even Peter’s poor questions to **patiently** train him in leadership.

(2) Peter showed **initiative**.

(3) Peter positioned himself in the middle of the **activity**.

2.) THE RIGHT **BACKGROUND**.

(1) Jesus gave Peter wondrous **revelations**.

(2) Peter was given great honor & **reward**.

(3) Peter experienced great **rebuke**.

(4) Peter experienced what might be called great **rejection**.

(5) Peter experienced a great **recommissioning**.

3.) THE RIGHT **OUTLOOK**

(1) Leaders must learn **submission**.

(2) Peter needed to learn **restraint** - he needed a double portion.

(3) Peter needed to learn **humility** - he needed a double portion.

(4) Peter needed to learn to **sacrifice** (Jn.21.18–19; I Pe.4.13-14,16,19).

(5) Peter needed to learn **love**.

(6) Peter needed to learn **courage** (Ac.4.10–11, 19-20, 31).

CONCLUSION:

Peter often learned his lessons **slowly**, but he learned them **well**.

Peter’s life can be summed up in the last words of his second epistle:

*“Grow in the grace, and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen”*