

Handout 8A

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Bible Activity: The Twelve Apostles

In your small group, discuss what these passages tell you about Jesus' plan for leadership in the Church. Record the group's ideas on the back of this page.

Mark 1:17	Jesus calls Peter and Andrew in order to make them "fishers of men."
Mark 3:13-19	Jesus appoints twelve Apostles to preach in his name and drive out demons.
Matthew 10:1-42	Jesus gives his twelve Apostles authority to expel demons. They are to go first to the Jews. They are to "cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, and drive out demons" (10:8). They are to trust in God and persevere despite persecution.
John 21:15-17	Jesus makes Peter the shepherd of the Church.
Matthew 16:18-19	Jesus appoints Peter as the head of the Church and head of the Apostles. He holds "the keys" to heaven, meaning that he has authority to explain the Gospel. Today we regard Peter as the first pope.
Acts 1:8	Jesus calls his Apostles to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
Acts 2:1-36	The Holy Spirit comes to the Apostles (now twelve, because Matthias has joined them) and empowers them to preach fearlessly in the name of Jesus and baptize people.
Matthew 28:16-20	Jesus confers his power on the eleven Apostles and sends them out to preach and baptize people of all nations.
Mark 16:15	Jesus tells the eleven Apostles to preach the Gospel to all nations.
Luke 24:45-48	Jesus appears to the Apostles in Jerusalem and calls them to be witnesses of his message, beginning in Jerusalem.

Handout 8B

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Bible Activity: Ministry Means Service

Work in a small group to read the following Scripture readings that may be chosen for the Rite of Ordination. Discuss the meaning of each passage and then write a short statement showing how the passage relates ordained ministry to Christ either as priest, teacher, or shepherd. Be prepared to share the results of your group work with the class.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE	SUMMARY CHRIST AS PRIEST, TEACHER, OR SHEPHERD?
Acts 8:26-40	
Acts 10:37-43	
Acts 20:17-18a, 28-32, 36	
1 Peter 5:1-4	
Luke 12:35-44	
John 17:6, 14-19	
John 21:15-17	

Which reading speaks most clearly about the priestly aspect of ordained ministry?

Which one speaks most clearly about the teaching aspect of ordained ministry?

Which one speaks most clearly about the shepherding aspect of ordained ministry?

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Small Group Discussion: Qualities of a Bishop

In a small group, read in 1 Timothy 3:8–13 about the personal qualities a bishop should have. Then as a group, compile your own list of personal qualities you think bishops in today’s Church should have. After you have made your list, come to a group consensus about the five most important personal qualities a bishop should have and why. Be prepared to share the results of your discussion with the class.

QUALITIES OF A BISHOP—FROM 1 TIMOTHY 3:2-7

Our list of personal qualities a bishop should have.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.

The five most important personal qualities a bishop should have.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

