

October 25, 2009  
**Matthew 4 and 10**  
Pastor Jay Childs

HOW TO CHOOSE  
AND **MENTOR**  
OTHERS

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### GETTING TO KNOW ME

- Can you name the twelve disciples (from memory)?
- If you've mentored someone, how did you decide who to mentor?
- If you could be mentored by anyone in history (next to Christ) who would you pick? Why?

### INTO THE BIBLE

- Read Matthew 4:18-22/10:1-10. Recap the main points of the sermon.
- Read Luke 9:23-27/Luke 12:49-53. In a day when many water down the call to follow Christ, what expectations did Jesus lay before people?
- Read John 15:1-8. What does Jesus promise to those who abide in Him?
- Read Luke 14:25-35. Who is Jesus talking to here? What requirements does He lay before them?
- How might this look, practically, when it comes to mentoring someone?
- Discuss this quote from Joel Osteen's book, Your Best Life Now.  
*"In other words, God wants to make your life easier. He wants to assist you, to promote you, to give you advantages. He wants you to have preferential treatment. But if we're going to experience more of God's favor, we must live more 'favor minded'...Start calling yourself healed, happy, whole, blessed, and prosperous...start declaring, 'Everything I touch prospers and succeeds.'" (pp 38, 124-125)*
- Read Matthew 17:14-23. What did Jesus do here? What was He teaching His disciples?
- Read Matthew 14:22-36. Why did Jesus do this? What was he teaching His disciples?

### APPLICATION

- Discuss this quote from Robert Coleman's book, The Master Plan of Evangelism—"Jesus concentrated Himself upon those who were to be the beginning of His leadership. Though He did what He could to help the multitudes, He had to devote Himself primarily to a few men, rather than the masses, in order that the masses could be saved at last. This was the genius of His strategy....Some might object to this principle by the Christian worker on the ground that favoritism is shown toward a select group in the church. But be that as it may, it is still the way that Jesus concentrated His life, and it is necessary if any permanent leadership is to be trained." (pp 33-35)
- Are you serving in the church somewhere? Why or why not?
- Who are you investing in right now, beyond your children?
- Who might God be calling you to invest in beyond your children?

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