

Sermon-Based Bible Study
May 24, 2026

“Rookies Wanted”
Text (NIV): Matthew 10:1-4
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Supplementary Texts

Mark 3: 13-19, Luke 6: 12-16, John 1: 35-51

1. What stood out to you about the message?

2. A *rookie* is a beginner, novice, or newcomer in their first year of a professional sport, military branch, or line of work. The term typically implies a lack of experience and a need for further training.
 - Have you ever been in the role of a rookie?
 - What was most challenging about being a rookie?

3. **Read Matthew 10:1-4.**
The 12 disciples went from being dedicated learners and followers of Jesus to apostles whom He commissioned to teach, heal, and spread the Gospel; they were no longer “rookies.”
 - What’s it been like for you to move from being a rookie to relying on the full weight of your experience to do a job or accomplish a mission?

4. Read *Mark 3: 13-19, Luke 6:12-16, and John 1:35-51.*
These supplementary texts in Mark, Luke, and John provide information similar to the account in Matthew.
 - How is it helpful to read each of these accounts in the gospels?
 - In what ways are they similar? Different?

5. Information recorded in the New Testament sheds light on some of the disciples’ backgrounds and personalities. See the chart below.
 - What qualities do you think Jesus was looking for when he “recruited” the 12 to follow him in his earthly ministry?
 - From the information in the chart, what general conclusions do you reach about the disciples as a group?
 - Which disciple(s) most inform your understanding of what it means to be in a relationship with Jesus?

<p>Peter (The Rock)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fisherman ● Impulsive ● Denied Jesus 	<p>Andrew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Peter’s brother ● Previous disciple of John the Baptist ● Cautious 	<p>James and John</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brothers ● “Sons of thunder” ● Fiery dispositions 	<p>Philip</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduced Nathanael to Jesus
<p>Nathaneal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Bartholomew) 	<p>Thomas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A doubter 	<p>Matthew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tax collector 	<p>Simon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (The Zealot)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Honest ● Scriptural discernment ● Sincere faith 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Loyal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Left his wealth behind to follow Jesus ● Author 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strongly opposed the Roman government
<p>James</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Son of Alphaeus ● Follower and apostle of Jesus 	<p>Thaddeus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Jude) ● Family origin is debated 	<p>Judas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Iscariot ● Betrayed Jesus for money ● Died by suicide 	

6. Final Questions for Reflection:

- In what ways are we like the 12 disciples?
- Were you “recruited” by someone to follow Jesus?
- How has Jesus called you to be a disciple? An apostle?
- In what ways has your faith grown since the earliest days of your relationship with Jesus?

7. How can we pray for you?