

River Valley Notes

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Part #8: Making Ripples

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A Pop-Quiz:

Luke 5:27-28

Later, as Jesus left the town, he saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at his tax-collection booth. "Come, be my disciple!" Jesus said to him. So Levi got up, left everything, and followed him. (NLT)

Question: Based only on the information from these verses, why did Matthew follow Jesus? Why did He become a disciple of Jesus?

- What did Jesus do? _____
- What did Matthew do? _____

Luke 6:12-16

One day soon afterward Jesus went to a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night. At daybreak he called together all of his disciples and chose twelve of them to be apostles. Here are their names: Simon (he also called him Peter), Andrew (Peter's brother), James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (the Zealot), Judas (son of James), Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him). (NLT)

Question: Based only on the information given in these verses, if you had been one of the mass of disciples initially gathered around Jesus, how did you get to be one of His inner circle of 12 disciples?

- What did Jesus do? _____
- What did they do? _____

At the very outset of His ministry, Jesus chose the ones He would eventually hand the whole thing off to.

Today's Nutshell: Success depends upon _____.

Succession: The intentional process of transferring to someone else what I _____, so they can _____ what I _____... and hopefully do it better.

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2Tim. 2:1-2

Timothy, my dear son, be strong with the special favor God gives you in Christ Jesus. You have heard me teach many things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Teach these great truths to trustworthy people who are able to pass them on to others. (NLT)

The Ripple-Effect of Making Ripples:

1. Our potency is _____

2. Our impact radius is _____

Significance and impact is determined by succession.

3. Our influence spans _____

Success without succession is simply postponed _____.

The ultimate _____ of my life is determined by its impact on future generations.

Then Comes the Push-Back:

1. "But I don't feel like I'm _____ to teach anyone anything."

Succession is not about knowing everything there is to know... it's about _____ what I do know.

2. "But if I replace myself, then what am I going to do?"

Succession always brings deep _____, always forces us to face our _____, and always makes a place for me in _____ organizations.

The true measure of significance is not success, but succession.

The Take-Away: Everybody go _____!