

St. Bruno Youth & Family Ministry

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Confirmation – October 18, 20, 25, 27

Seeing the Kingdom – Jesus' Public Ministry

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Icebreaker: Party of Twelve

Ask the teens to spread out. Next, call out the name of a well-known group of people or objects from the front. The teens must then get into groups of that number within seven seconds. For example, if the word “apostles” is called out, the teens must quickly get into groups of twelve. Any teens who do not get into a correctly numbered group within the timeframe are out. Continue playing the game until one final group remains, and award them a prize. If time allows, play multiple games to have different winners each time. A list of examples is found below.

- Apostles (12)
- Kardashian sisters (5)
- Sacraments (7)
- Main characters of Harry Potter (2001–2011) (3)
- Gospels (4)
- Original Marvel's The Avengers (2012) members (6)
- Football team on the field (11)
- Kings who visited Jesus (3)
- The Beatles (4)
- Baseball team on the field (9)
- Priests at St. Bruno (3)
- Original Guardians of the Galaxy (2014) members (5)
- Basketball team on the court (5)
- Books in the New Testament (27)

“Seeing the Kingdom” Proclaim Teaching

- Jesus chose the twelve apostles from all different walks of life to accompany Him on His mission to proclaim the Kingdom.
- Throughout His three years of public ministry, Jesus revealed God's truth and proclaimed the coming of the Kingdom of God through parables and by performing miracles.
- Jesus' public ministry displayed His desire for us to follow Him and His willingness to seek and save the lost, regardless of where they have been or what they have done.

Small Groups – Guess Who

Divide the teens into their small groups and hand each a pen and a copy of The Apostles handout. Instruct the teens to read through the handout and draw a line from the list of characteristics to the apostle they believe it corresponds to. The first Small Group who believes they have it correct can bring a copy to the front. We'll see which group is the first to finish correctly while every Small Group works together to do so.

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Then, have the core member begin the Small Group sharing time in prayer and lead the teens in a small group discussion focusing on their thoughts about the apostles and Jesus' public ministry.

- Of the apostles listed, which of them stand out to you the most? Why?
- Why do you think Jesus chose these (seemingly) ordinary men to be His apostles?
- How do you think you would have reacted if you were one of Jesus' apostles and witnessed miracles He performed? Shocked? Skeptical? Indifferent?
- How is Jesus calling you to serve as a disciple now?

Lectio Divina

Gather the teens back into together and have each teen relax and find their own space. Dim the lights, and play soft instrumental music in the background. On the Lectio Divina handout, instruct the teens to find Luke 5:1-11, and lead them through a time of lectio divina. Explain the significance of each part of lectio divina using the following:

- Lectio: to read the Scripture
- Meditatio: to meditate on the Scripture and discover its meaning in our lives
- Oratio: to give a prayerful response to the text via thanksgiving, praise, or a request for grace, healing, or forgiveness
- Contemplatio: to turn toward God and experience Him through the Scripture

Invite the teens to get into a comfortable position, close their eyes, and place themselves in God's presence.