

Study Guide

Building Blocks of the Church

Chapter 8 – Apostles

Questions for Discussion

1. What do you understand by the term “Apostle”?
2. What does the term really mean?
3. Can the “twelve” apostles be more or less than twelve? Give reasons.
4. Was Matthias the right replacement for Judas? Why do you say so?
5. Was Paul an apostle?
6. Could Paul have been one of the twelve? Give your reasons.
7. What are the differences between Paul and the Twelve?
8. How does Ephesians 4:8-11 impact the theory that there are no other apostles after the Twelve?
9. It is generally accepted that Revelation was written in about the year 96AD. Paul as well as the Twelve (except John) had already passed away by this time. Does Revelation 2:2 give any indication that there may or may not have been apostles at that time? (See p 127 in the book)

10. Other than Paul and the Twelve, how many apostles are named as such in the New Testament? Can you name them?
11. What were the differences between these (in 10 above) and Paul?
12. Do you know of any men who may have exercised an apostolic ministry after the 1st century? (In addition to the examples in the book).
13. Describe the work of an apostle.
14. What are the differences between elders and apostles?
15. What are the differences between apostles as described in the New Testament and most modern “apostles”?
16. Should every church have (an) apostle(s)?

Additional resources

Articles:

MP3s

1. Apostles (<http://www.antonbosch.com/tapes2006.html>)