

# DIFFERENCE MAKERS

## A TIME TO BUILD

### “NO UNIMPORTANT PEOPLE”

Acts 1:15-26 - January 18th, 2015

Message 2 of 8 in “Difference Makers: Time to Build”

**2015: The Year of Jesus’** \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>.

**SPIRITUAL FOCUS:** A clear view of Jesus always gives us a clear view of our place within the plan of Jesus.

**SPIRITUAL MESSAGE:** Get to work! Use what God has given you for the good of \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup>!

### “No Unimportant People”

**1. The power of God’s church has always been in the entire** \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup>.

**1 Corinthians 12:12-28** - *“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. <sup>14</sup>Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many...<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”*

**2. There were potentially more than** \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> **unnamed disciples whose role in Jesus’ church was** \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>!

### Disciple Quick Facts

- Jesus individually called many disciples, while others joined in his public ministry as he began to have significant impact.
- Many people followed Jesus for a time, only to turn back when following Jesus took too much commitment. **Matthew 8**
- After spending an entire night in prayer, Jesus chose from his larger group of disciples 12 men, who would be the official representatives of his ministry. **Luke 6:12-13**
- The group of 12 disciples is listed 4 times in the New Testament. **[Matthew 10/Mark 3/Luke 6/Acts 1 [minus Judas Iscariot]]**
- 70 Disciples who were following Jesus and working for Jesus were sent out to do ministry on his behalf “after” he had appointed 12.

Without an official role or title, and after having been passed over as a top-12 pick of Jesus, the unnamed disciples continued to follow Jesus, work for Jesus, and have \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> for Jesus.

**3. God knows your name, your heart, and your important** \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> **in this season of His church.**

v. 22 – Peter and the disciples had a clear understanding of their spiritual \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup>.

It's important to understand how \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> views our giving.

**Mark 12:41-44** - *"Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. <sup>42</sup>But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. <sup>43</sup>Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <sup>44</sup>They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."*

Some interesting thoughts

- 1. Jesus was watching as people \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10</sup> their offerings.
- 2. Jesus must view \_\_\_\_\_<sup>11</sup> differently than we do.

Giving Options for the widow

- 1. Giving \_\_\_\_\_<sup>12</sup>.
  - 2. Give \_\_\_\_\_<sup>13</sup>.
  - 3. Give \_\_\_\_\_<sup>14</sup>.
3. Clearly, Jesus views the power of giving as much in our \_\_\_\_\_<sup>15</sup> as in our amount.

**BUILDING PROJECT TRUTH:** If everybody will give as generously and as sacrificially as they can, God will help us see the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>16</sup> of our spiritual family building a building for our church and community.

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**Answers:** <sup>1</sup>Church, <sup>2</sup>others, <sup>3</sup>body, <sup>4</sup>100, <sup>5</sup>huge, <sup>6</sup>impact, <sup>7</sup>role, <sup>8</sup>role, <sup>9</sup>Jesus, <sup>10</sup>gave, <sup>11</sup>giving, <sup>12</sup>nothing, <sup>13</sup>half, <sup>14</sup>all, <sup>15</sup>sacrifice, <sup>16</sup>miracle