

<p>Apostle (APEST)</p>	<p>This study assumes you have listened to the sermon preached by Rev Dr Digby on Sunday 21st February 2021 at St Christopher's Anglican Church, in Tawa. You can find the sermon via www.tac.org.nz Click on either the 8am or 10am button to see the service. If you just want the sermon, scroll along until you see a man with glasses standing up front talking for a long time.....</p>
<p>Logging in icebreaker</p>	<p>If you did the free test (www.fivefoldministry.com), what were your results? Or do it at the beginning of your first session. There are two versions, one takes 5 minutes, the other takes 10 minutes. Did you enjoy this? Think it's a waste of time? Want to know what other people got? Try to guess?</p>
<p>Readings (NRSV version) Go to www.biblegateway.com if you would like to compare with other versions, or use them as part of your study.</p>	<p>Isaiah 52:1-2; 7-9 Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion! Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for the uncircumcised and the unclean shall enter you no more. Shake yourself from the dust, rise up, O captive Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter Zion! How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.</p> <p>Mark 6:7-13 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.</p>

<p>Quotes that you might like to discuss, ponder or argue with...</p>	<p>“People who score highest with an Apostolic position are Dream Awakeners* in the Kingdom of God. They awaken people to their God designed potential. They are instrumental in people discovering who they really are, and walking alongside them to get there. They forge new paths in the Kingdom and are a catalyst for change wherever they go.” -www.fivefoldministry.com</p> <p>Words to describe Apostle types: Founder, General, Agent-envoy, Visionary, Pioneer, Adventurer, breakthrough designers, innovator-entrepreneurs, paradigm shifters, startups, systems thinkers</p> <p>Characteristics of Apostles: Strategic, Holistic, Future-oriented, Pattern-sensitive, Adventurous, Creative</p> <p>Examples of Apostle types: Steve Jobs, Joan of Arc, Karl Marx, Angela Merkel, Osama bin Laden, Neo (from the Matrix movie). Aragorn (Lord of the Rings), Captain Jean-Luc Picard</p> <p>Allan Hirsh in his book, <i>5Q: Reactivating the Original Intelligence and Capacity of the Body of Christ</i> writes that the apostolic mark of a church is “the people-movement that participates in the redemptive and transformative mission of God in the world. The true church experiences and seeks to live out its sentness in everyway possible. Therefore, when a community engages apostolically in God’s mission of transforming the world, it is authentically church.”</p>
<p>Questions to get discussion started on Sunday’s sermon on Apostles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did you learn about Apostles that you didn’t know before? • What did you find most interesting in the sermon? • Was there anything you disagreed with? • Did the sermon make any connections for you about people who might lean towards the apostolic?
<p>Prayer (from the Aotearoa/New Zealand Prayer book, page 120)</p>	<p>Creator of the universe, infinite and glorious, you give us laws to save us from our folly; give us eyes to see your plan unfolding, your purpose emerging as the world is made; give us courage to follow the truth courage to go wherever you lead; then we shall know blessings beyond our dreams; then will your will be done. Amen.</p>

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