

Twelve Ordinary Men

Chapter 2

1) MacArthur lists the disciples in 3 groups cited 4 times from Matthew, Mark, Luke and Acts. Peters is listed 1<sup>st</sup> in each of these lists. What thoughts came be taken from this?

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2) How do you feel about the fact that the apparent leader of these disciples was such an impetuous person?

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3) In what setting do people view you as a leader? When are you most like Peter?

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4) According to the author why did Jesus give Simon the nick name the "Rock"?

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5) Whenever Peter is mentioned in a secular context the Scriptures refer to him by his given name, Simon. The other time he is called by Simon is when he is displaying characteristics of his unregenerated self. What nickname could you go by as a new creation in Christ that would help indicate the man you are called to be in Christ?

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6) MacArthur calls attention to the fact that most Christians are like Peter because they are both spiritual and carnal. Which of your behaviors and attitudes fit into each category?

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7) What is a weakness you are willing to admit to others when you are trying to influence them? Why?

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8) Peter had to learn to love in a way that is not natural for humans. Jesus demonstrated love that is not based on feelings and was not reserved for people who were loveable. Jesus loved with agape love. Peter had to learn how to move from human conditional love to unconditional love. Can you think of a time someone unconditionally loved you? Explain?

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9) Peter's natural personality consistent of inquisitiveness, imitative and involvement. How did Jesus build upon these to make Peter into the leader he needed to be for kingdom work?

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10) What are your strengths and weaknesses? How can Jesus build upon these to make you into the man God has called you to be?

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