

A sepia-toned illustration of a winding path leading up a hill to a city and crosses. The path starts in the foreground, curves through a field of low-lying bushes, and leads up a hill. At the top of the hill, there is a city with several tall, rectangular buildings. To the right of the city, three large, simple crosses are visible against the sky. The overall tone is warm and historical.

Laying a Foundation

Luke 6:12-19

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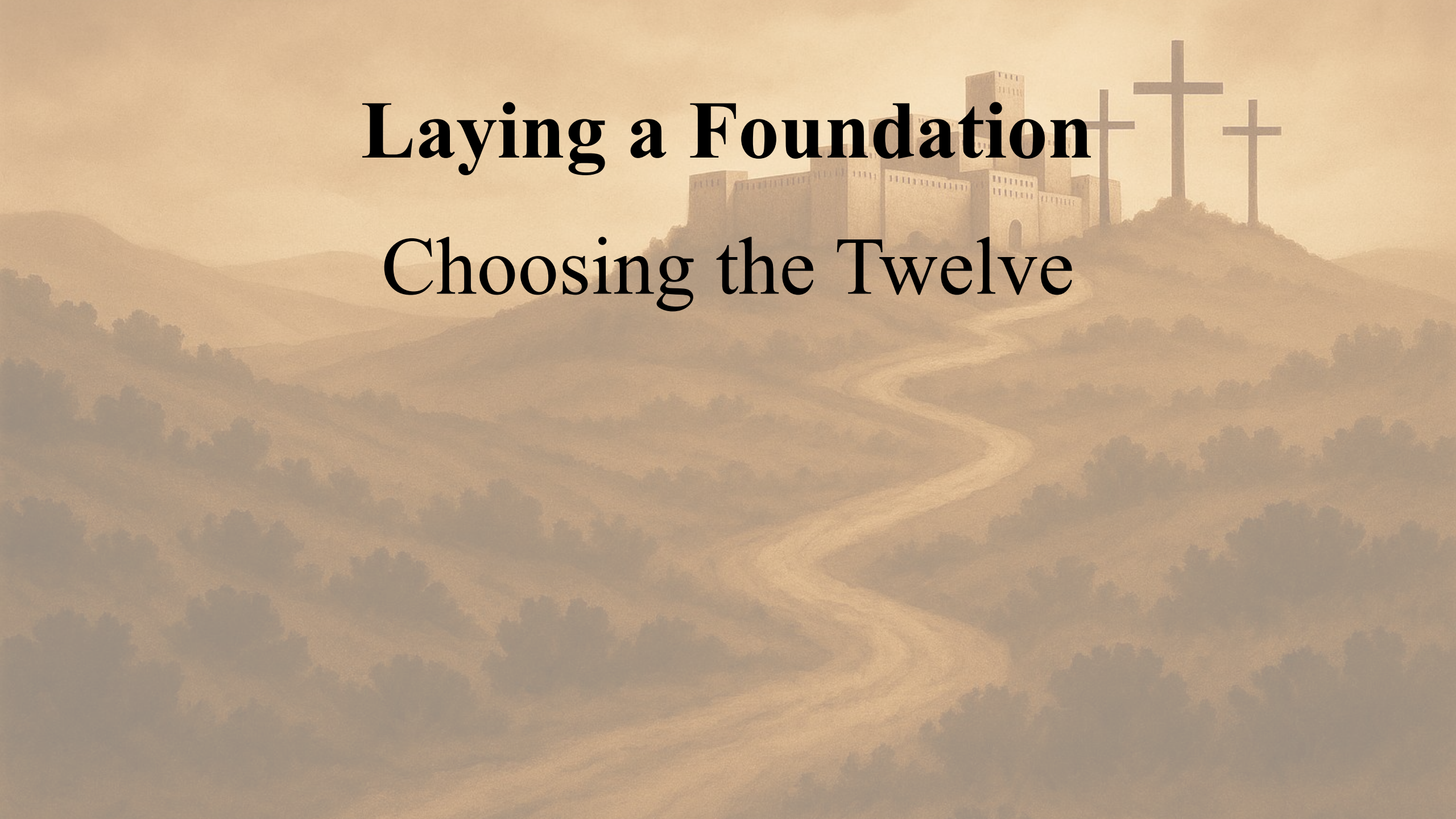
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Main Point

Jesus chose twelve of His disciples
and named them Apostles to lay
the foundations of His church and ensure
the continuation of His ministry to all.

A sepia-toned illustration of a winding path leading to a castle on a hill with crosses in the background. The path is a light tan color, curving through a landscape of rolling hills and dense, dark green foliage. In the distance, a large, multi-towered castle sits atop a hill. Behind the castle, three large, simple crosses are visible against the sky. The overall tone is warm and historical.

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Choosing the Twelve

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A night of prayer.



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While Jesus frequently spent extended time in prayer, this is the only time we are told that He spent the whole night.

This hints at the pivotal nature of Jesus' choice of the twelve.

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A distinct choosing.



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There were already many who were following Jesus, and He chose The Twelve out from among the larger group.

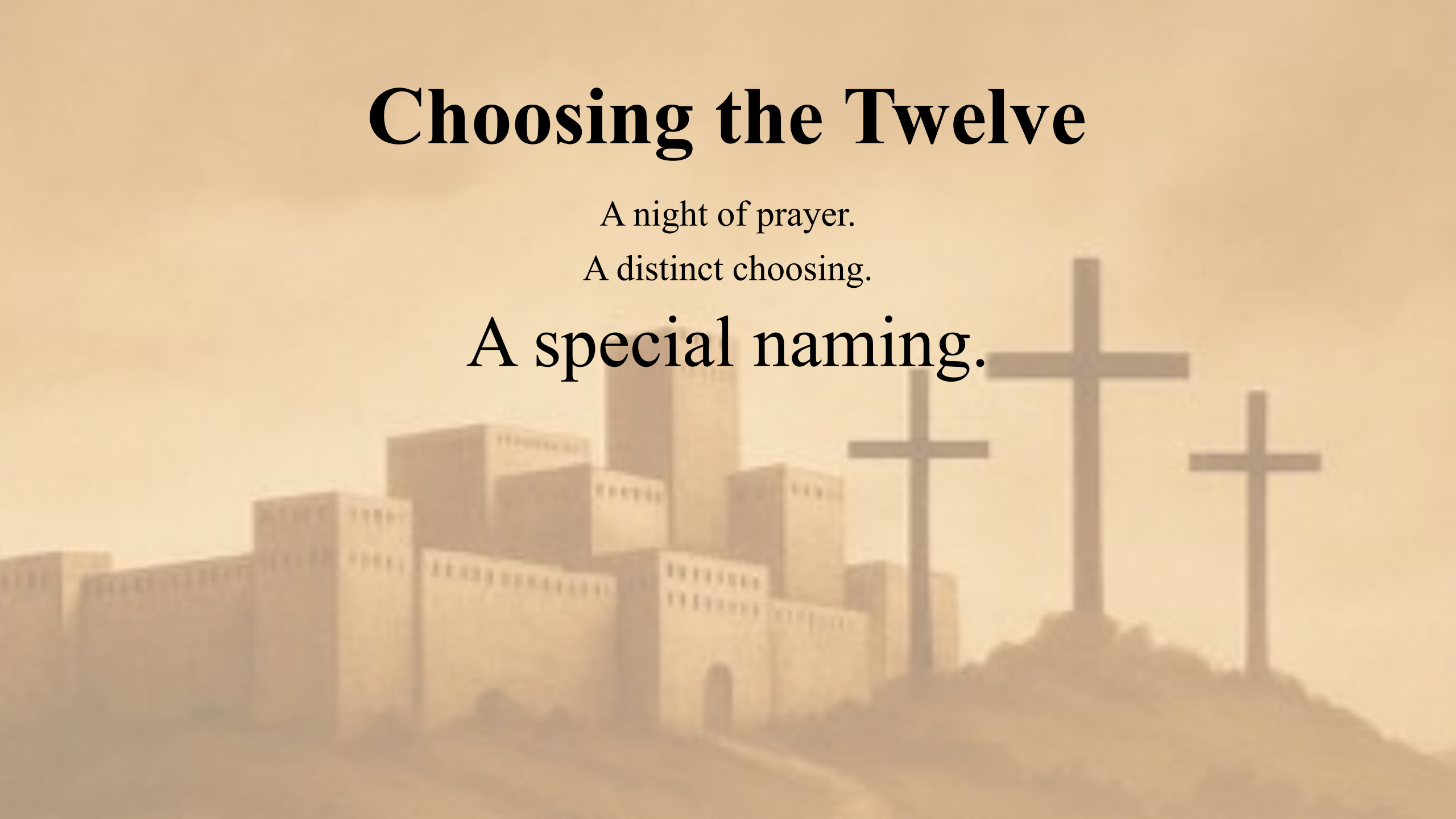
God's choice of these twelve was not meant to suggest their superiority but was a demonstration of God's providential sovereignty.

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A special naming.



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Matthew 10:2

“Now the names of **the twelve apostles** are these...”

Acts 1:26

Matthias...was added to **the eleven apostles**.

Revelation 21:14

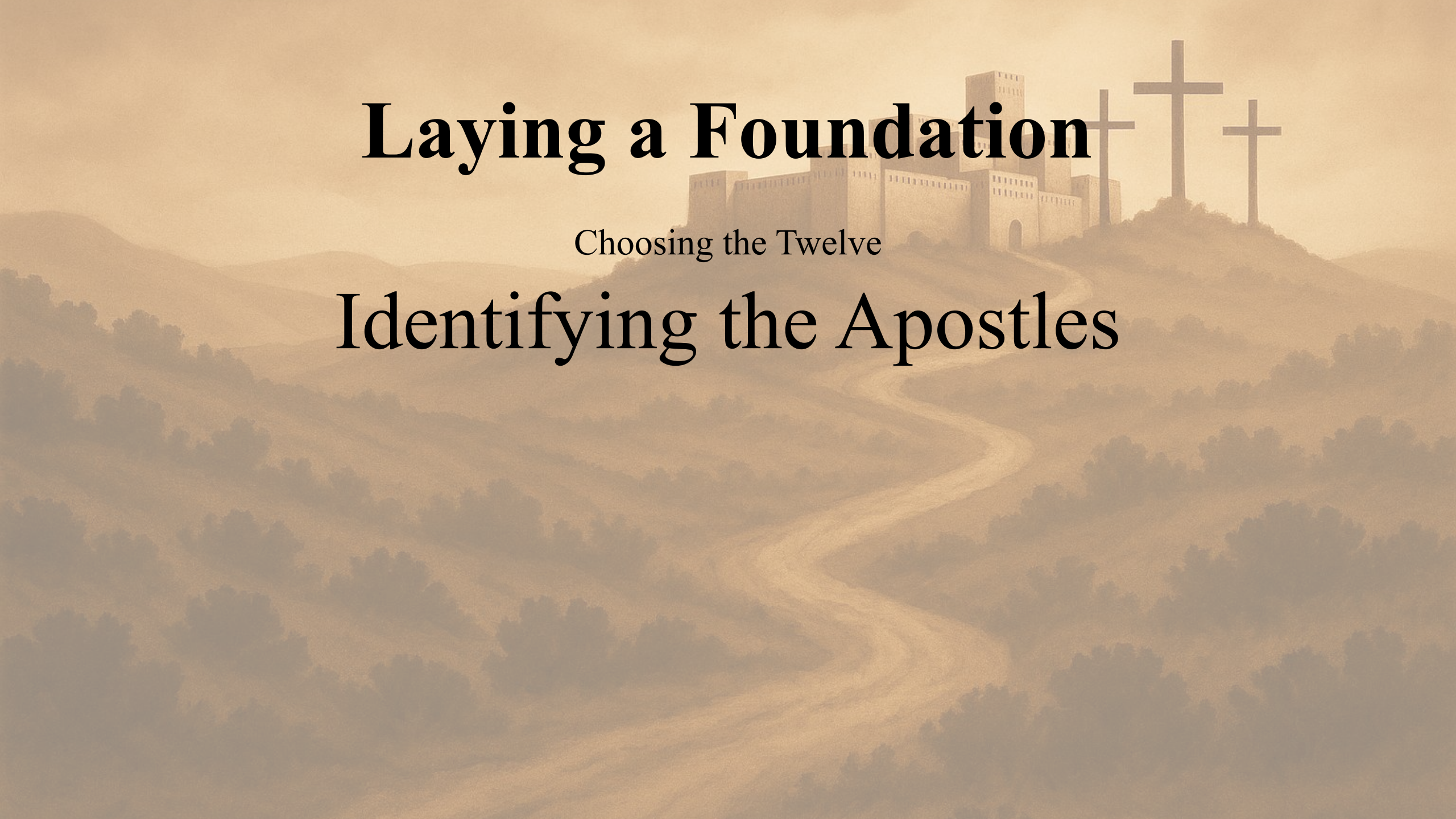
“...and on them were the twelve names
of **the twelve apostles** of the Lamb”

Acts 14:14

But when **the apostles *Barnabas* and Paul** heard of it,
they tore their robes and rushed out into the crowd.

Though Barnabas and possibly others were called apostles, the Scriptures clearly identify *the twelve Apostles* as holding a unique position within the structure of the church.

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Their various identities.



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Identifying the Apostles

Their various identities.

Their foundational purposes.



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Ephesians 2:19-20

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Jesus appointed His Apostles as those who would be His unique mouthpieces, laying the foundation of His Church by their teaching and ministry.

Revelation 21:10-14

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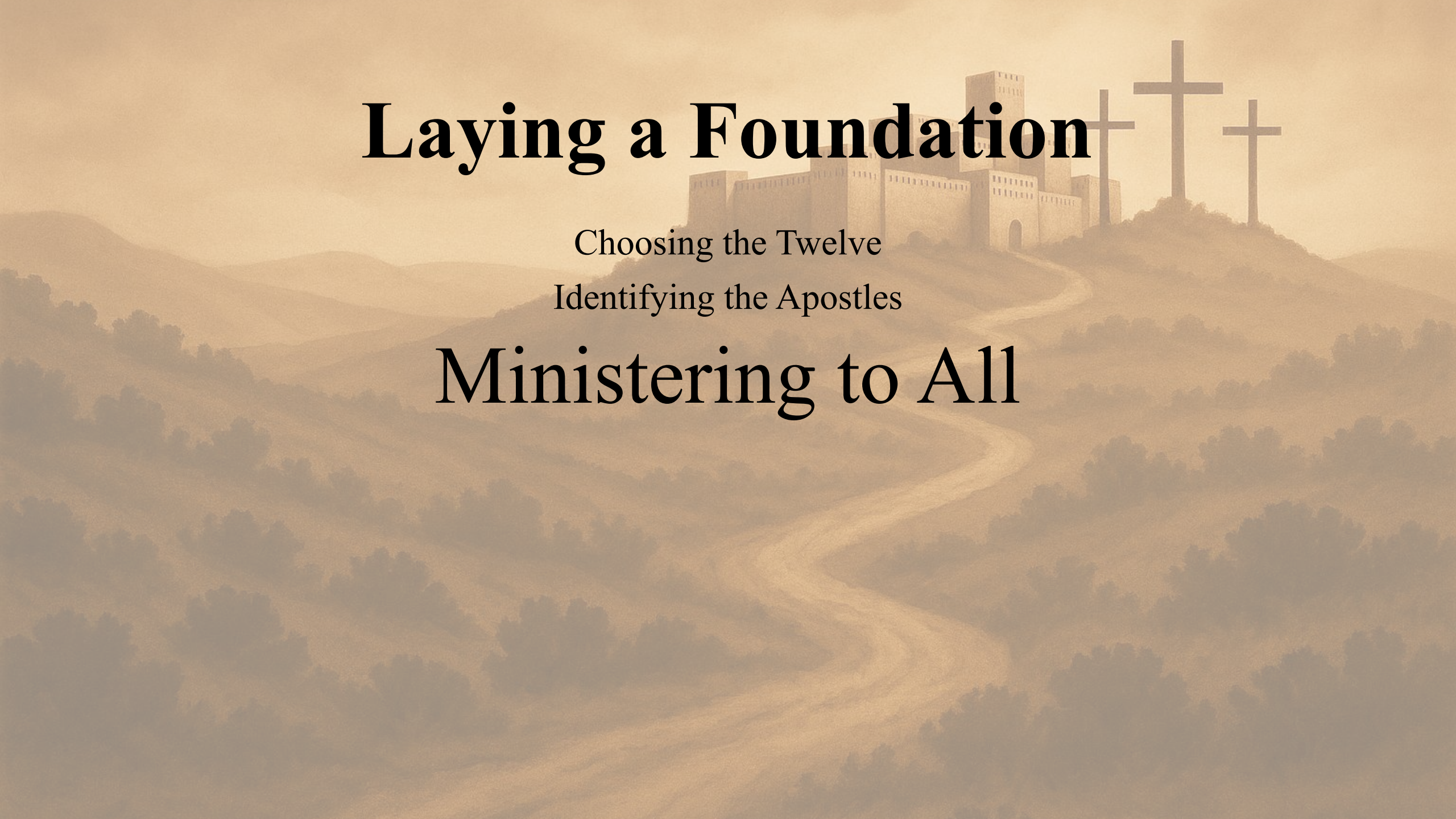
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Just as the twelve tribes of Israel represent the twelve gates of Jerusalem, so the twelve Apostles represent the twelve foundation stones of the New Jerusalem.

This is what it means when we say that our faith and doctrine is *Apostolic*.

Laying a Foundation

The background is a sepia-toned illustration. It depicts a church with multiple steeples and a central tower, situated on a hill. Three large, simple crosses are visible on the right side of the hill. A dirt path winds from the bottom left towards the church. The foreground is filled with dense, dark foliage, possibly trees or bushes, rendered in a soft, painterly style.

Choosing the Twelve
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The focus of Jesus' ministry and teaching
was aimed at His disciples.

Luke 6:20

And *turning His gaze toward His disciples,*
He began to say...

Matthew 5:1-2

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain;
and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

He opened His mouth and **began to teach *them***, saying...

Matthew 28:19-20

“Make disciples of all the nations...
teaching *them* to observe all that I commanded you.

Ministering to All

A great crowd of disciples.

A great throng of peoples.



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Jesus' ministry extended to both Jew and Gentile as great throngs of diverse peoples flocked to hear Him and receive healing from Him, and He healed *them all*.

Luke 6:19

And all the people were trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and **healing them *all***.

He has commissioned us to continue
this ministry to all.

Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Ministering to All

A great crowd of disciples.

A great throng of peoples.

A compassionate display of power.



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Though His focus of teaching was toward His disciples, Jesus indiscriminately poured out His compassion upon all peoples.
Is our compassion indiscriminate?

For Reflection

Are you following Christ, listening to
and heeding *His* word?

Have you received Christ's indiscriminate
compassion toward you?

Is your compassion for others
likewise indiscriminate?