



The Master's Men

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Luke 6:12-16

WELCOME:

Fixing
Our Focus

Suggested Icebreaker:

Let each GG member try to list as many of the 12 apostles as they can for one minute. Then, have them compare their lists with each other and see which of the disciples they remembered versus which they did not.

WORSHIP:

Adoring Our God Suggested song:

Only Jesus

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

- 1. GG members will devote themselves more to prayer in engaging in ministry and in submitting to God's will.
- 2. GG members will grow in humility, recognizing how Christ, their Master, has called them to follow Him and work through their weaknesses.

INTRODUCTION

Recall that the previous section of Scripture involved a series of confrontations between Jesus and the Pharisees, ending with the subject of Jesus' authority over the Sabbath (5:12–6:11). Now, the narrative shifts its attention to Jesus' relationship with His disciples. In our passage, Jesus spent time in prayer and called twelve men to be apostles.

Jesus prayed to God before choosing his apostles (vv. 12–13)

As was a common practice for Christ, He withdrew for a while to spend time with the Father in prayer (5:16). In this case, Jesus prayed before an important event – the selection of His twelve apostles.

- 1. When and where did Jesus pray? What do you think is the significance of the location of Jesus' prayer? (cf. Mark 6:46, John 6:15)
- 2. For how long did Jesus pray?
- 3. Do a study on the word "apostle." What do you think is the difference between a disciple and an apostle?

Application

The Lord Jesus Christ devoted much time to prayer before such a momentous occasion. What are some of the important decisions you have to make soon that you should be praying more about? How can we build up our stamina in praying fervently?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Luke recorded the names of the twelve apostles (vv. 14–16)

After spending much time in prayer, Jesus announced the twelve apostles He had selected from the disciples. Luke listed down the twelve names as well as brief descriptions for some.

- 1. Which of the twelve have descriptions? What do we learn about these particular apostles? What does the rest of the New Testament record about them?
- 2. What do you think is the significance or reasoning behind selecting exactly twelve apostles?
- 3. How does Luke's list compare with that of the other Gospel accounts? Study which apostles may have different names across the other Gospels. (cf. Matthew 10:2–4, Mark 3:16–19)

Application

While we are not the twelve apostles, today we are also known, called by Jesus, and strengthened by the Holy Spirit to follow Him despite our limitations. How does this impact your personal level of obedience to Christ? How do you think the Lord wants to use you to make an impact in your community this coming week?

PRAYER ITEM

Dear God, I praise you for you are good, and you desire only what is good for us. Thank you for sending Jesus, in whom we find rest and through whom we are restored and reconciled with you. Teach me to observe a day of rest to spend time with you and to show compassion to others as you do. May you use my life as a reflection of you and your character. In Christ's name, I pray. Amen. ■



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