

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

Luke 6:12-16

Review

- If you were given £1,000,000, how would you use it to change the world?
- Name a turning point in your life that makes you smile/cry.
- What THREE things do you believe without any doubt?
- In one line, what is life all about?

Remind

- Where did Jesus go to pray (v.12a)? Why choose this place?
- How long did Jesus spend in prayer on this occasion (v.12b)?
- When did Jesus call His disciples (v.13a)? How many were there to choose from? (See Luke 10:1)
- What designation did Jesus give to those selected (v.13b)?
- How many disciples did Jesus select (v.14-16)?
- Compare the list of names with Matt 10:2-4 and Mark 3:16-19. Who is always first? Who is always last? Why?

Respond

- Why did Jesus pray? See John 5:30 and Philippians 2:5-11.
- What might be accomplished through an extended time in prayer, that could not be achieved in a shorter time of prayer? Could you pray all night? Why/why not?
- *"To discount prayer, [and] to conclude that it does not matter, means to view Jesus as deluded."* Do you agree? What are the consequences of your opinion.
- Why do you pray? What different ways have you prayed? What has been the most engaging way you have prayed?
- None of the 12 disciples was a scholar or rabbi. They had no extraordinary skills; they were ordinary people. What does this say about Jesus choosing us for a specific task?
- You could end by reading together Luke 6:13

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The twelve apostles

¹² One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. ¹³ When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: ¹⁴ Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, ¹⁵ Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.