

Questions for Later: To Share or Ponder

1. Review the list of Apostles. Do a computer or concordance search (or use a Bible Dictionary) to learn about each man. How are they different? God uses all kinds of people as disciples. How is that an encouragement? How is it a challenge?
2. Look on a map of Israel during the time of Jesus (usually in back of Bible) for cities listed in v. 17. Which is the furthest town? Why is this important? Why was it included in this by Luke?
3. Read 6:20-26. What blessings are most encouraging to you? Why? Which woe causes the most caution in you? Why?

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Blessings and Cautions

The God Who Seeks and Saves

Luke 6:12-26



Jesus Calls His Disciples

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

LUKE 6:12-16 (NIV)

- Prayer
- Picking
- Purpose

Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach.

MARK 3:13-14 (NIV)

*Prayer is essential for expressing our _____
upon God.*

Jesus Teaches His Disciples

Teaching and Power

He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coast of Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

LUKE 6:17-19 (NIV)

Teaching Like a Prophet

Hallowed Life

Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets.”

LUKE 6:20-23 (NIV)

- Why are we blessed as Jesus' disciples?
- Jesus explains the blessing of being a disciple _____ of our circumstances and _____ of persecutions.

Hollowed Life

But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.

Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets.

LUKE 6:24-26 (NIV)

- What is the caution of the woes?
- Jesus cautions against a _____ earthly life that leads to a _____ eternity.

Are You Ready to Leave the Empty Life?

Many people believe they are Christians because they were born in a Christian culture, go to church regularly, try to do their best, or live a good life. However, the Bible teaches that these things cannot make you a Christian. You become a Christian by simply taking these two steps:

- Acknowledge that you (along with all people) have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. (ROMANS 3:23)
- Personally believe that Jesus Christ, who was God in human flesh, died for your sins on the cross and rose again. (1 CORINTHIANS 15:3, 4)

You may express your belief through prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving Him as God's gift to you. (JOHN 1:12, ROMANS 6:23, REVELATION 3:20)

“For it is by grace you have been saved through faith ...it is the gift of God; not by works, so that no one can boast.” EPHESIANS 2:8,9