



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of November 28, 2021

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text

Luke 6:12-19

[12] In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. [13] And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: [14] Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, [15] and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, [16] and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. [17] And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, [18] who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. [19] And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

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Summary

In this week's passage, we learn of the supernatural foundations of Christ's church and the process and criteria by which He chose His 12 apostles. From this we come to understand not only God's great love that He has for

His people, but also that His church must be built by supernatural means through the prayers of God's ordinary people who are devoted to their Lord.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think Jesus poured His attention and life into twelve apostles, as opposed to teaching the general population Himself? How does the choosing of the twelve apostles demonstrate Jesus' care and concern for the future of His church? What should this tell you about your own role in the building of God's church?
2. Before choosing the 12 apostles, the Son of God spent all night in intentional uninterrupted time with the Father. Why should prayer be our first priority rather than our last resort? What are some practical ways we can intentionally cultivate our relationship with God and make this a priority?
3. Why do you think it is important that Jesus chose ordinary men from podunk cities, to be the men upon which He would found His church? Why can't the church be built like the world builds a business? How should Christ's church be built?
4. Jesus chose people who were almost polar opposites to be part of His 12 apostles (e.g. a Hebrew nationalist like Simon the Zealot as well as a traitorous tax collector like Matthew the tax collector). What should this tell us about how we are to live with brothers and sisters within the church who are very different from ourselves? How should Christians deal with political, cultural, socio-economic, and racial differences within the church?
5. Why is Jesus Christ the ultimate source of healing and provision for our deepest hurts, problems, and needs?