**Wednesday Night Bible Study**

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**The Gospel of Luke**

**Luke 6:12-18 (NIV)**

 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.

**Matthew 10:1-4**

 **1 Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.**

 **2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;**

 **3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.**

**Mark 3:16-19**

  **16 These are the twelve he appointed: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter),**

 **17 James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means “sons of thunder”),**

 **18 Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot**

 **19 and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him**

 **Acts 1:12-1**

 **12 Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city.**

 **13 When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.**

 **14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers**

**Scriptural Lesson**

**Luke 6:12** **Jesus’ Private Devotions with God**

 “One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray and spent the night praying to God.”

1. Jesus was at a critical point in His ministry for **two reasons:**

1. He offended the traditions of the religious leaders,
2. The political leadership also began to plot His death—**Mark 3:6**

 “Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him.”

1. Great crowds followed Him, but they were not interested in the spiritual things Jesus was teaching. They just wanted physical healing without physical commitment
2. Principles we can learn from Jesus’ Private Devotions with God during His time of crisis.

 **Principle 1) Mark1:35**

 “And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.”

**What is Principle 1, according to Mark 1:35? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Why is this Principle important to us?**

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 **Principle 2) Luke 5:15-16**

 “15 But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities.

 16 And he withdrew himself into the wilderness and prayed.”

**What is Principle 2, according to Luke 5:15-16? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Why is this Principle important to us?**

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**Luke 6:13-16**

 13 When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles:

* 1. The disciples (who were soon to be Apostles) belonged to Jesus. In all cases, a disciple implies that the person not only accepts the views of the teacher but he/she is also practicing those views.
	2. A disciple is a learner and/or a student. In the first century, a disciple did not simply study a subject; he/she followed a teacher.
	3. The disciples became *Apostles* not merely because they were the followers of Christ, but because they were *personally sent forth by Jesus Christ* on a universal mission for the propagation/multiplication of the gospel. (Matthew 28:19-20)
		1. For example, Paul claims his apostolic title in the opening words of most of his epistles. And when his right to it was challenged, he defended that right with passion, especially on the grounds that he had seen and was sent by Jesus—**1 Corinthians 9:1-2**

 1 Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?

 2 If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

**Luke 6:14**

 14 Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew,

* 1. **Peter: The Rock**
		1. He was impulsive
		2. He was presumptuous—Matth.16:22
		3. Coward—Matth.14:30

After the Day of Pentecost…

* + 1. He was courageous and unmovable—Acts 4:19
		2. Gifted with spiritual insight—Jn.6:68
		3. Wrote 2 Epistles
	1. Andrew
		1. Brother of Peter—Matth.4:8
		2. Brought Peter to Christ—Matth.4:8
		3. Spent a day in Christ’s home—Jn.1:39
		4. Responded immediately when called to service—Matth.4:19—20
	2. James
		1. The Lord’s brother—Matth.13:55; Mark 6:3
		2. Slow to accept Jesus Christ as Lord—Jn.7:5
		3. He believed after the resurrection—1 Cor.15:7
		4. Leader of the church in Jerusalem—Ac.15:13
		5. He wrote the Epistle of James—James 1:1
	3. John, The Beloved Disciple—John 13:23; 19:26
	4. Philip
		1. The brother of King Herod—Matth.14:3
		2. Preacher of God’s Word—Acts 8:34
		3. Led by the Spirit of God—Acts 8:26
	5. Bartholomew—Matth.10:3; Mark 3:18

**Luke 6:15-16**

 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.

* 1. Matthew—Matth.9:9; 10:3
	2. Thomas
		1. Slow to apprehend—Jn,14:5
		2. Doubter—Jn.20:25-26
		3. Devoted to Christ—Jn.11:16
	3. James, son of Alphaeus—Mt.10:3; Mark 3:18
	4. Simon Zealot, The Canaanite—Matth.10:4; Mark 3:18

 “From the time of the Maccabees, there existed among the

Jews a party who professed great zeal for the observance of the "law." *(According to Josephus BJ, IV, iii, 9; v, 1; VII, viii, 1)*

 They resorted to violence and assassination in their hatred of the

 foreigner, to which we must conclude that Simon had belonged

 before he became one of the Twelve.”

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* 1. Judas son of James and (12) Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

**What does it mean to be called by God?**

**Are you aware of your calling?**