

Alone with God and Discipleship. Luke 6:12-16

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- 1. What are you thankful for?**
- 2. What is causing you stress?**
- 3. Retell story from the previous meeting**
- 4. What did you do differently because of this story? Who did you tell and what was the reaction**
- 5. Read the passage**

12 Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. 13 And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles: 14 Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; 15 Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; 16 Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.

6. Summary and Context

6.1 v12-13.

The gospel of Luke alone, present Christ retirements to pray in secret, several of them before important decisions (maybe God reveladed Him how to decide during prayer (?)).

Verses	Where	When/How Long	After
4:1-2	Desert to fast	40 days	Tempted and after started ministry
4:42-44	Solitary place close to Simon's house in Galilee to pray	Daybreak	43: "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also , because tht is why I was sent"
5:16 "So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed."	Wilderness. Lonely places to pray		
6:12-13	Mountain to pray	All night in prayer	Selecting 12 apostles
22:41	Mount of olives, some distance to disciples., to pray "Father, if you are willing take this cup from me, yet not my will, but yours be done"	Before beng arrested	

6.2 v14-16

Apostles according to other parts of scripture, additional information of each apostle, specifically about their martyrdom:

Lk 6:12-16	Mt 10:2-4	Mk 3:16-19	Ac 1:13	Obs. and martyrdom
Simon (Peter) [1]	Simon (Peter) [1]	Simon (Peter) [1]	Peter [1]	Crucified in Rome upside down
Andrew (br. Simon) [2]	Andrew (Smon br) [2]	Andrew [4]	Andrew [4]	Bound to cross, preached to persecutors until he died
James [3]	James (s. Zebedee) [3]	James (s. Zebedee) [2]	James [2]	Martyr killed by King Herod Acts 12:1
John [4]	John (br. James) [4]	John (br. James, Boanerges --sons of Thunder) [3]	John [3]	Tradition says he survived boiling water, exiled in the island of Patmos
Philip [5]	Philip [5]	Philip [5]	Philip [5]	Hanged against pillar at Hierapolis in Phrygia
Bartholomew [6]	Bartholomew [6]	Bartholomew [6]	Bartholomew [7]	Seems to be Nathanael in John. Skinned alive
Matthew [7]	Matthew (tax col.) [8]	Matthew [7]	Matthew [8]	Slain in Ethiopia
Thomas [8]	Thomas [7]	Thomas [8]	Thomas [6]	Run through with a lance in East Indies
James (son of Alphaeus) [9]	James [son of Alphaeus) [9]	James (son of Alphaeus) [9]	James (son of Alphaeus) [9]	Thrown from pinnacle of temple and beaten to death
Simon (Zealot) [10]	Simon (Cananite) [11]	Simon (Cananite) [11]	Simon (Zealot) [10]	
Judas (son of James) [11]	Lebbaeus Thaddaeus [10]	Thaddaeus [10]	Judas (son of James) [11]	Epistle of Jude. Shot to death with arrows.
Judas Iscariot] [12]	Judas Iscariot [12]	Judas Iscariot [12]		

7. Discuss the passage

7.1 What does this passage say about God, Jesus or his plan?

What is the cost of being disciple:

- “Discipleship cost everything we have” Deny yourself Mk 8:34-38. Change in lifestyle to become “salt of the earth” and “light of the world”

Meaning of being apostle:

- Disciples are called apostles or “sent ones”

7.2 What does this passage say about humans/people/me?

Differences between the discipleship of Jesus and discipleship of pharisees?

- Disciples knew Jesus and saw His miracles before being called and accepting to follow and leave everything. [Bruce]
- Pharisees disciples expected men's approval. Jesus disciples expect God's approval. [Ernie]
- False discipleship of Pharisees who were hypocrites and imposed rules on men. Called themselves pure and impure who didn't follow their rules. [Bruce]
- Disciples need to move to any region/nation “without fear their lives would be defiled or displeasing to God.” [Bruce]
- Jesus sent His disciples and gave them Holy Spirit. Pharisees couldn't.

7.3 How can I obey what this teaches? What do I need to change?

I need to pray more like Jesus. Specially before important decisions.

How to make disciples today

- Two important points [Bruce]
 - What does God want from this person?
 - Know background.
- Teaching to follow Jesus and focus on the Lord not on ourselves.
- Really following Jesus [Ernie]
- God chose the weak. The lowly things. [Phil]
- It is an honor to be disciple of Jesus.
- Not disqualified although far from perfect
- Asking God what do you want me to do
- To make good disciples I need first to be a good disciple

8. Who can I share this story with this week?

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