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Choosing the Twelve Apostles

Jesus' prayer

(Luke 6:12; 6:6-11; Mark 3:6)

The occasion for Jesus' prayer was that He was faced with the reality of His impending d_____ at the hands of the religious leaders. Thus, Jesus spent the w_____ night in prayer to God as He was to choose twelve apostles, who would carry on His work after His departure.

Jesus' choosing of the twelve apostles

(Luke 6:13-16; Isaiah 9:1; John 15:16; 1 Corinthians 1:26-29)

Note the variety of individuals that were chosen by Jesus as apostles. Here are some generalities in regards to the Twelve chosen by Jesus:

- They were not the social elite
- They were not the i_____ of the day
- They were primarily from the region of Galilee
- They were c_____ to following Jesus
- They were personally chosen by Jesus

Jesus' power at work in us

(Luke 6:17-19; 9:23; Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:1-2)

Jesus during His time with the apostles, taught them the truth of God, and showed them the power in which they were to operate in order to carry out their work. He m_____ God's abundant and eternal life through His own everyday life, which He s_____ with His apostles. Discipleship and apostleship are something that Jesus desires for us as well. Let us continue to "G_____ in Christ, and G__ to Share and Serve!"

Things to Ponder This Week

Based on Luke 6:12, when, where, and in what manner did Jesus pray? When and where do you pray (do you have a favorite place to pray)? In what manner do you pray (use a prayer list, when needs arise, "throughout the day" prayer)? Have you ever spent the whole night in prayer to God? What was the occasion for such prayer, and how did God answer your prayer?

Based on Luke 6:13-16, from what group of people did Jesus choose His twelve apostles? What stands out when you read the names of the twelve apostles who were chosen by Jesus? When you think of the number 12, what comes to mind? What significance do you think there is to having 12 apostles?

Based on Luke 6:17-19, for what purpose did people come from all around to be with Jesus? What did Jesus do for these people? What did these people see and experience? What do you see and experience in your life as you come to Jesus and touch (drawer closer to) Him?

Next Sunday, we are blessed to receive the message from John Alvarado who will be our speaker. Prayerfully read Luke 6:20-26, and consider the blessings and warnings there are to being in relationship with Jesus and living for Him. How does knowing these things bring you joy and gladness?