

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Scripture: Luke 6:12-19



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

By his divine authority, Jesus called twelve men, whom he named Apostles, to form a new community and take God's mission of redemption to the world.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- Why did Jesus habitually withdraw from the crowds to pray (Luke 4:42; 5:16; 6:12)? Do you find it difficult to retreat in solitude and pray? If so, why? What can you practically do to pray more regularly and fervently?
- For what purpose did Jesus choose the twelve men as his disciples? What is a disciple, and is there a difference between a disciple and an apostle (Acts 1:21-22; Ephesians 2:19)? What is our purpose and mission today as disciples of Jesus Christ?
- What did Jesus demonstrate to the twelve about their new ministry with his miraculous works (verses 17-19)? What's significant about Luke's reference to Tyre and Sidon?
- What do Jesus' miraculous works reveal about the Kingdom of God, which has arrived but is yet to be fully realized?
- Why should we be cautious about seeking miraculous signs and wonders today? How do we know if signs and wonders are from God or false prophets (Matthew 24:24; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10; 1 John 4:1)? Discuss how the power of the gospel produces lasting, eternal change, whereas physical healing is temporary.