

Luke 6:12-26

The way of discipleship



The text – Luke 6: 12-26

1. Read Luke 6:12-26. Throughout this passage, Jesus does things that OT prophets do. He acts like a prophet and speaks like a prophet. He specifically mentions prophets in 6:23 and 6:26. What do you notice in the words and actions of Jesus that are like OT prophets?
2. Luke often highlights the prayer life of Jesus. In 6:12, we are told that Jesus spends the entire night praying to God. Why is prayer so important to Jesus? Why is it so important on this occasion?
3. Read Luke 6:13. What is the difference between “disciples” and “apostles”?
4. What do you know about each of the twelve disciples who were called to be apostles? Perhaps choose one to find out more about. In Luke’s account, for example, there are further references to James the brother of John in 5:10, 8:51, 9:28, and 9:54.
5. Judas Iscariot “became a traitor” (6:16). Why did Jesus choose Judas Iscariot to be one of the twelve?
6. Luke 6:19 states that “power was coming from him”. What does that mean? Also look at Luke 8:46 where similar words are used.
7. Jesus pronounces four statements of blessing (6:20-23) and four statements of cursing (6:24-26). Discuss them. Make sure you understand Jesus’ teaching concerning life in the kingdom of God.

The Scriptures – Luke 6:12-26 as a portion of the Scriptures

8. In many different portions of the OT Scriptures, there are words of blessing and cursing. Consider, for example, the words of Moses in Deuteronomy 27:14-26 (words of cursing) and Deuteronomy 28:1-6 (words of blessing). Compare and contrast these with the words of Jesus in Luke 6.
9. This portion of Scripture is often compared and contrasted with Matthew’s account of Jesus’ sermon on the mount. Read the beatitudes (sayings of blessing) in Matthew 5:1-12 and compare them with the words of Jesus in Luke 6:20-26.

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 6:12-26 as a portion of the Scriptures

10. What does it mean to be a disciples of Jesus? In the 1st century? Now?
11. Do you want to be a disciple of Jesus? What are some core values and practices of disciples? Which ones do you practice? Which ones do you struggle with?
12. How can we encourage you in your discipleship? How can we pray?