

# LUKE 6:12-19 *Jesus Call the Twelve*

## INTRODUCTION

After a long night of prayer, seeking guidance from His Father, Jesus chooses twelve men from among His many disciples to be apostles- men who would become the leaders of the church, writers of the New Testament, and even one who would betray Him.

## DISCUSSION

What is a disciple? *A disciple was anyone who believed in, and followed Jesus.*

What is an apostle? *The word "apostle" means, "messenger," or "one who is sent out." An apostle was a disciple, specially chosen by Jesus to go out and tell other people about Him.*

## EXPLANATION

- What did Jesus do before choosing the apostles? *He spent all night in prayer to God.*
- How many apostles did Jesus choose? *Twelve.*
- Which of the twelve were the first disciples Jesus chose back in Luke 5? *Peter, James, and John.*
- Why do you think Jesus chose someone He knew would betray Him? *It was part of God's plan for Jesus to die on the cross to forgive our sins.*
- According to verse 18, why did people come to see Jesus? *They came to hear Jesus, be healed of their diseases, and cured from unclean spirits.*
- According to verse 19, what did people want to do to Jesus? Why? *They wanted to touch Him because power came out of Him to heal people.*

## APPLICATION

Jesus chose all kinds of people to be apostles- people who would go out and tell other people about Him, like fishermen and even tax collectors. There aren't any apostles today, but all Christians (disciples of Jesus) are to go out and tell others about Jesus. It doesn't matter who you are, where you've been, or what you've done. What has God chosen you to do (read Ephesians 2:10; Matthew 28:19-20)? Who can you go out and tell about Jesus? Following Jesus' example in verse 12, how can we get ready before going out and telling others about Jesus? Jesus helped and served people when He taught them. How can we show Jesus' love by helping and serving others before telling them about Him?

## Memory VERSE

Luke 6:13- "And when day came, He called His disciples and chose from them twelve, whom He named apostles." (ESV)