The Twelve Apostles - Luke 6:12-16

Topics: Alone, Call, Choices, Decisions, Invitation, Prayer, Spiritual Disciplines

Open It

- 1. How competitive was your high school or college when it came to academics?
- * 2. In neighborhood or school games, when were you usually chosen?

Explore It

- 3. What did Jesus do before choosing the twelve apostles? (6:12)
- 4. How much time did Jesus spend in prayer before He chose His apostles? (6:12)
- * 5. What details did Luke give us about Jesus' prayer vigil? (6:12)
- * 6. From what larger group did Jesus name His twelve apostles? (6:13)
 - 7. For which apostles are we given more information than simply their names? (6:14-16)
 - 8. How many apostles shared the same first names? (6:14-16)
- * 9. What personal facts can you recall about some of the apostles? (6:14-16)
 - 10. What significance is there in the order of the apostles' names? (6:14-16)
 - 11. How many of the apostles had already been introduced by Luke earlier in his Gospel? (6:14-16)
 - 12. What does the description of Judas Iscariot actually say about him? (6:16)

Get It

- * 13. What significance can be drawn from the fact that Jesus singled out some of His disciples to be apostles?
 - 14. What is the difference between disciples and apostles?
- * 15. Why do you think Jesus prayed before choosing the apostles?
 - 16. What purposes could Jesus have had in spending the night in prayer?
 - 17. What kinds of decisions or events might cause someone to spend extended time in prayer?
 - 18. What could spending extended time in prayer accomplish that could not be accomplished in a shorter time of prayer?
 - 19. Why are extended times of prayer important?

Apply It

- * 20. What do you want to keep in mind from this passage to help you in making choices in the future?
 - 21. When in the near future could you pray about God's plan for your life?