

Jesus Actively Engaged in the Work of God

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Jesus _____ **God's will.** (12)

Jesus took _____. (12-13, 17-18)

Jesus _____ **with others.** (13-17)

Jesus served others with _____ and _____ **expressed with** _____. (18-19)

Luke 6:12-19

¹² In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. ¹³ And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: ¹⁴ Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, ¹⁵ and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

¹⁷ And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. (ESV)

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: What do you typically do when you can't sleep at night?

Read & Discuss: Luke 6:12-19

1. In Luke 6:12, Jesus spent an entire night in prayer before choosing His disciples. What insights can we glean about Jesus' decision-making process from this extended time with the Father? How does this passage illuminate the depth of Jesus' connection with God? How does Jesus' example challenge or encourage your own prayer habits?
2. Reflecting on Jesus' example of prayer, can you recall a time when you intentionally sacrificed something to prioritize seeking God? What was the outcome? What practical adjustments can we make to our routines to create more space for focused prayer?
3. What do you know from other stories in Scripture about the men Jesus chose in Luke 6:13-16? What does God's choice of seemingly ordinary people teach us about how God often works in the world? What does this teach us about how we should respond to needs that feel beyond our capabilities?
4. Jesus selects a group of men with whom He will collaborate from this point forward. Reflect on a time when you collaborated with others in ministry. What were some of the challenges and rewards? What biblical principles (like those found in 1 Corinthians 12) support the value of community and collaboration, even when it's difficult?
5. What were the primary needs of the crowds seeking Jesus in Luke 6:17-19? How does Jesus' interaction with them demonstrate His priorities? What does Christ's example teach us about God's heart for those who are suffering, and how should that influence our own interactions with the suffering?
6. How does Luke 6:19 demonstrate Jesus' divine authority? What does the crowd's response reveal about their view of Jesus? In Jesus' absence, how do we see His power manifest through His followers today?

Apply: Considering Jesus' example of prioritizing prayer and His ministry to those in need, what is one small, specific action you can take this week to either cultivate deeper prayer or extend compassion to someone around you?

Pray: Pray that we will grow in our desire to both seek God and to serve others.