

BE TOGETHER NOW

Luke 6:12-19 – Sunday, February 12th, 2023

BIG IDEA: following Jesus as Jesus intends means that we will be **BETTER TOGETHER** – our **diversity** will lead to **unity** which will showcase **God's great love for the world**.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

READ LUKE 6:12-19

1. In **Luke 6:12** – we learn that Jesus ‘prayed all night.’ Why is this such a significant detail within this story? What does Jesus praying all night reflect about the significance of what will happen next?
2. As you read the *list of names* that Jesus called to serve as His Apostles (**Luke 6:14**), what stands out to you about these individuals? Think of what you know about them or their backgrounds. How do you see diversity amongst the 12 Apostles? How are we to understand both women and Gentiles being called to serve as disciples?
3. When Jesus and His newly appointed Apostles come down the mountain, they are greeted by a diversity of people extending from Judea, Jerusalem and the surrounding regions. What might have this moment meant for Jesus’ Apostles? How would they have begun to understand the mission that they were being ‘sent into?’
4. Immediately following Jesus’ ascension into Heaven (**Acts 1:12-14**), we catch quite possibly for the first time the equation of **Jesus + Mission = UNITY**. How does our common bond of Jesus coupled with a commitment to His mission lead to our UNITY? And why would our unity as Christians communicate to an unbelieving world God’s great love? Read **John 17:23**.

REFLECT

How, as a church body, are we truly BETTER TOGETHER? How can **you** contribute to promoting and protecting Biblical Unity within GENESIS? Reflect on any possible ways in which you ‘might be’ hindering unity within the church. Pray into these areas; repenting where needed or seeking counsel or clarification in areas where you are uncertain.