

# The Gospel According to Luke- Part 2

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## CHOOSING THE 12

## PART 7

**READ LUKE 6:12-16**

### INTRODUCTION

*Luke has a habit of showing us the importance of prayer in Jesus' private life. We continually see Him going to a mountain or into the wilderness to pray. And not only that, He prays for a considerable amount of time. This is particularly important to note because, if Jesus saw that it was important to spend time in communion with the Father, how much more should we spend time in prayer and times of worship with Him? Getting past that, it is encouraging to note that Jesus still sought God's guidance and direction for His life through times of prayer and what He was praying about, the disciples, was an important decision that Jesus didn't make lightly.*

*The apostles that Jesus chose would be separated out from just disciples and into an even closer, intimate relationship with Jesus and that was important. Jesus spent all night praying about who would be His apostles and included in that number would be the one who would ultimately betray Jesus. (John 6:70) That is difficult to understand when we don't realize that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was the plan the whole time. It had been prophesied in the Old Testament and Judas was chosen to be that betrayer. (Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, etc.) The other 11 men within the group would be the ones who led the Church in the days after Jesus' ascension into Heaven.*

*These men would be key to Jesus' ministry while He was still on Earth as well. They would have a steep learning curve and they would be the people that Jesus spent most of His time with and expected the most out of. This was a big deal for Jesus and it was a big deal for the 12 as well. The expectation on them was huge. It is not very different from what is expected of us as followers of Jesus. While we are not apostles, we are called to follow Christ and give our lives to Him. There is a call that we have to make disciples of Jesus. (Matthew 28:19-20) We commit to following Him and to dedicating our lives to Him.*

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### *DISCUSSION QUESTIONS*

1. Why do you think Luke spent a lot of time showing us Jesus' prayer life? What is the significance of Jesus praying often?
2. Is the time you spend in prayer with God adequate? Why should we spend more or less time in prayer?
3. Does prayer change anything? Does God change? Why do we pray?
4. Read John 6:70. Why did Jesus choose Judas? Do you think it was easy or hard for Him to select the one who would betray Him? Why?
5. How do our prayers interact with giving the Gospel, making disciples and baptizing them? When should our prayers be made? Before or after decisions? Why?

### *WRAP UP*

Prayer was an important part of Jesus' life. If it was important for Him, it should be important for us. He has provided the way for us to experience close, intimate relationship with Him through things like His Word, worship and prayer. Often we do not utilize that gift in the way it was intended for different reasons including; we think we know best, we have the answer already figured out in our head, we don't think that God cares. He desires to lead us in all things and Jesus showed us that we have an amazing opportunity to approach the Father with all our needs and requests. We just have to take the opportunity.