

The Upside-Down Kingdom Pt. 1

Luke 6:12-26

- Jesus, as King of His Upside-Down Kingdom, will bring _____ from _____.
- Jesus, as King of His Upside-Down Kingdom, welcomes the _____ of the world.
- Jesus, as King of His Upside-Down Kingdom, extends _____ to the _____, but He _____ the _____.

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

1. Sunday, we saw as opposition arose toward Jesus from the religious leaders, He formally called the twelve Apostles. There are many reasons for this, but it cannot be overlooked that Jesus both needed and wanted the companionship the Apostles would provide as they carried out the mission God had given them. Think about your relationships. Who are the people God has placed closest to you? How are you helping each other as you live on mission for God, and how do they provide you with companionship and support?
2. Not only did Jesus chose twelve men to be His Apostles, but these men were very diverse and a group that most of the world would have overlooked or found unfit for such a large mission. When you survey the people you spend the most time with, are they like or unlike you in how they think, act, believe, behave, etc.? How can you follow the example of Christ and engage in relationships with people who may be different than you and challenge you?
3. We learned that Jesus, as leader and as a man, was someone who troubled and passed over people often came to for help and healing. If Jesus' kingdom will welcome men and women the world often overlooks or casts aside, how can you be more like Christ by including people who are hurting and broken into your sphere of relationship?
4. The last idea we learned from Luke 6:12-26 was that being overlooked or cast aside is often the very thing that produces in us the humility to know we need help and allows us to come to Christ asking to be made whole. Do you see yourself as someone who is needy - who needs the charity that only Christ offers? Or, are you someone who still sees yourself as good and who can make a way for yourself? Discuss your answer in light of the truth that God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. (Prov. 3:34, James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5)