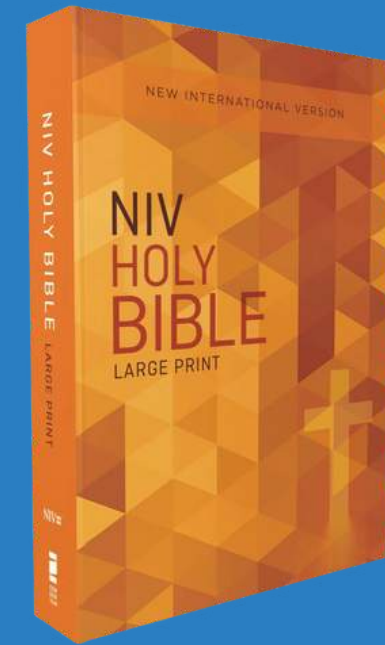


AM I PROMISED PROSPERITY, PLEASURE AND POPULARITY?

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



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LUKE 6:12-26

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THE HIGH MOUNTAINS BELONG TO THE WILD GOATS; THE CRAGS ARE A REFUGE FOR THE HYRAX

PSALM 104:18







HYRAX

hope COMMUNITY
CHURCH



MOUNT ARBEL

LUKE 6:13

“When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles:”

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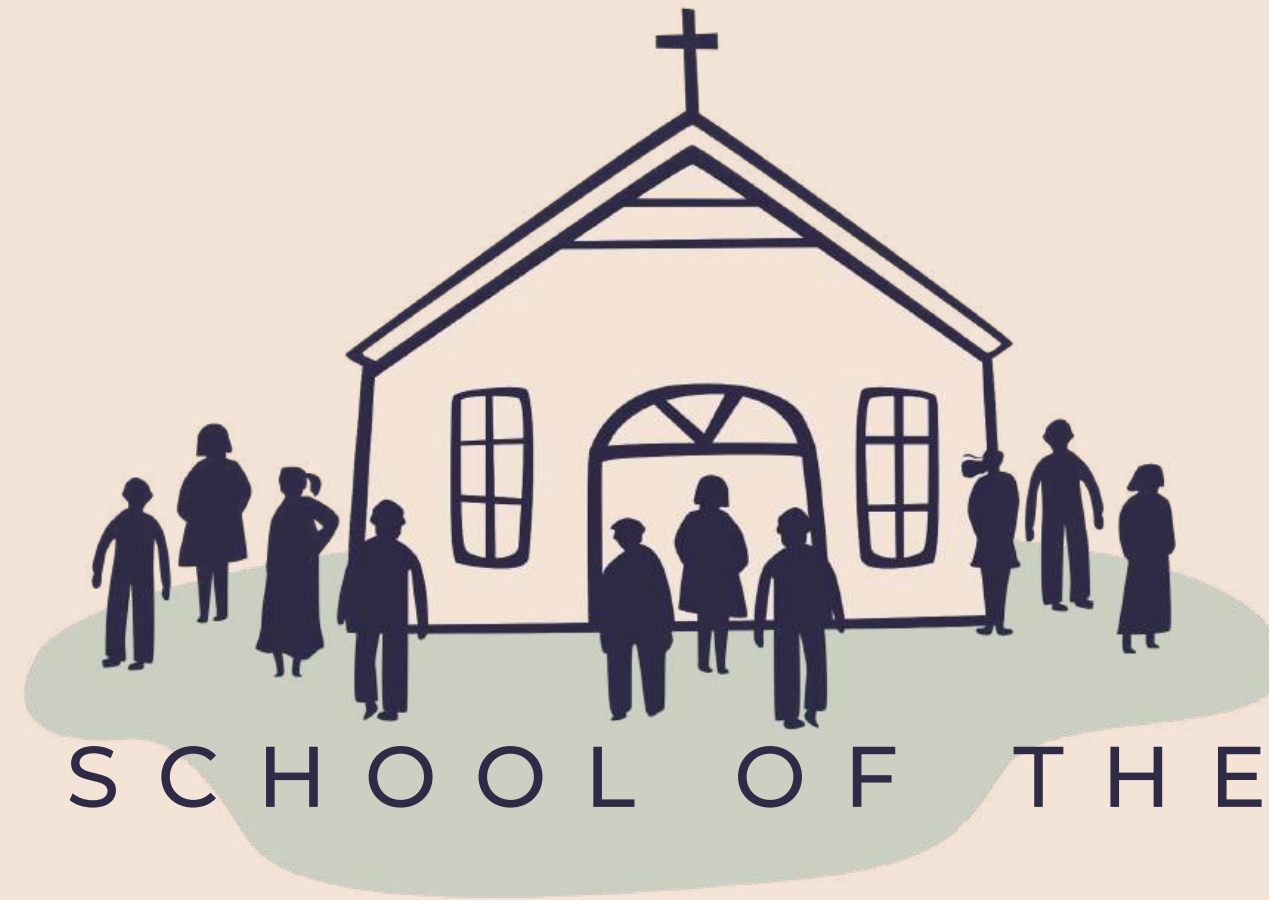
**DISCIPLE (PUPIL/STUDENT)
FOLLOWER, LEARNER**

ἀπόστολος

**APOSTLE (SENT ONE)
SPECIAL MESSENGER, DELEGATE**

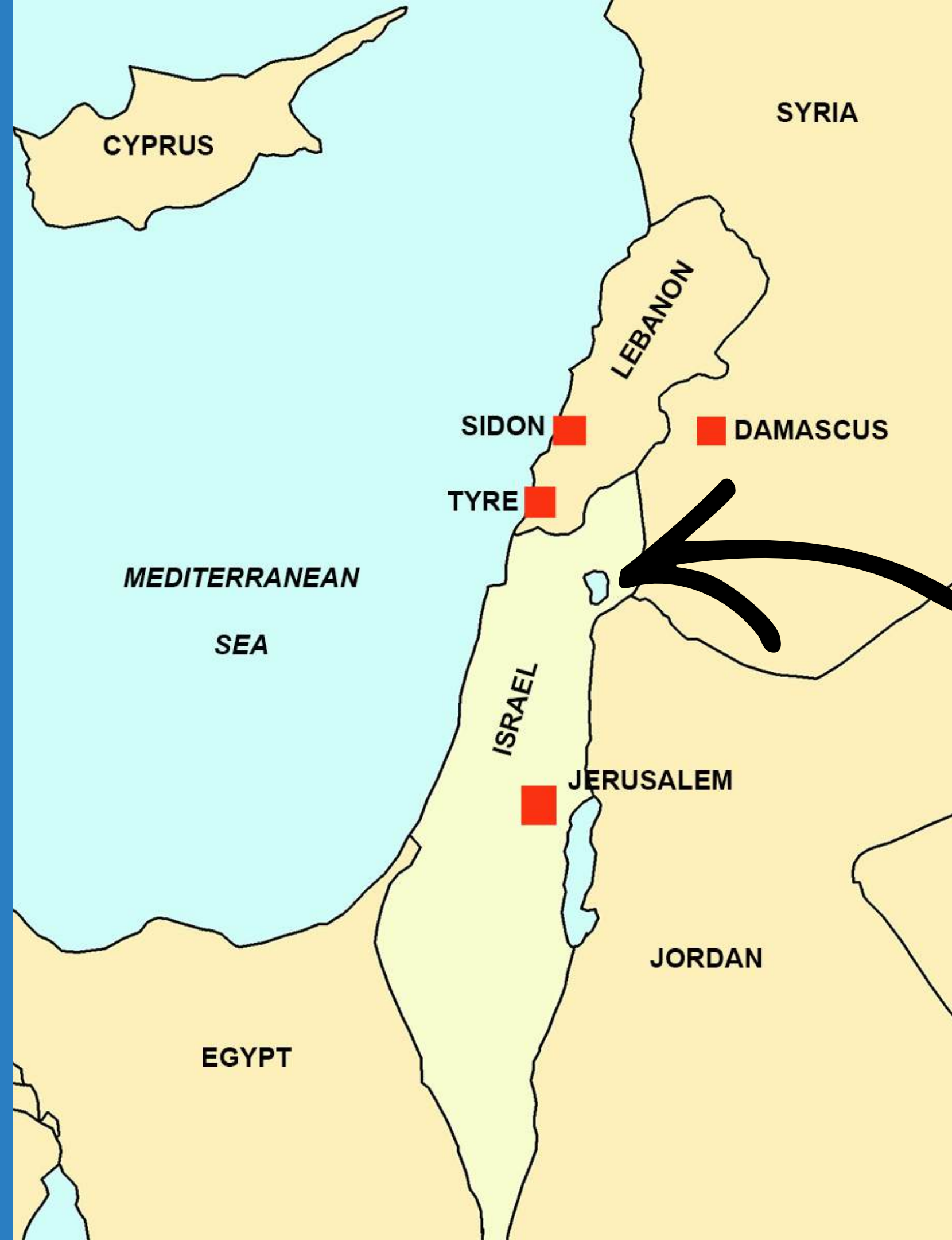
EPHESIANS 4:11–13

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”



GREAT COMMISSION

EVERY MEMBER IS A MINISTER



**Jesus does not offer the
...Gospel of prosperity, pleasure,
and popularity**

**Jesus tells His disciples that
following him
...requires humility, will be
painful, and people will hate you**



BLESSING IS FOR THE POOR (IN SPIRIT)

**FOLLOWING JESUS (DISCIPLE) IS NOT
GOING TO INCREASE YOUR CELEBRITY
STATUS OR BRING YOU GREAT FAME**

**BLESSING IS FOR THOSE WHO HUNGER
AND WEEP NOW**

**FOLLOWING JESUS (DISCIPLE) DOES
NOT PROMISE THE FINEST FOODS AT
THE WORLD'S GREATEST RESORTS – A
LIFE OF LEISURE, RECREATION, AND THE
FINER THINGS OF LIFE**

VIDEO

MARK 10:21–22

“Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.”

**BLESSING COMES FOR THE HATED, THE
EXCLUDED, THE INSULTED**

**FOLLOWING JESUS (DISCIPLE) WILL
NOT RESULT IN EVERYONE LIKING YOU**

**“THE APOSTLES LEFT
THE SANHEDRIN,
REJOICING BECAUSE
THEY HAD BEEN
COUNTED WORTHY OF
SUFFERING DISGRACE
FOR THE NAME.”**

ACTS 5:41



Is It Worth It?

Should I give up
prosperity, pleasure, and
popularity in this life for
blessings in eternal life?



**“I CONSIDER THAT OUR
PRESENT SUFFERINGS
ARE NOT WORTH
COMPARING WITH THE
GLORY THAT WILL BE
REVEALED IN US.”**

ROMANS 8:18

HomeGroup Questions

1. What significance can we glean from Jesus spending the night in prayer before choosing the Twelve Apostles?
2. How do the Beatitudes and Woes in the "Sermon on the Plain" challenge societal norms and values?
3. Reread verse 23 and 26. How were the false prophets treated and how were the true prophets treated? Read a great example of this in the dramatic war scene of 1 Kings 22:1-40.