

GOING DEEPER STUDY NOTES (March 20, 2022)

FOR PERSONAL OR GROUP STUDY

In today's message, Luke tells us the moment when our Lord Jesus called and chose his 12 disciples; Jesus did not do it randomly, and He did not choose the first one who will pass by; No! Jesus had in mind those who would be His very close friends for the next three years and more. Jesus chose these men after much prayer, those who wanted to get to know him better and is willing to learn from his Master. Jesus would teach them WISDOM and everything a disciple needs to know and understand. Jesus plans for His disciples was that they continue to share the good news of the Gospel. They will have the responsibility to take the message of salvation to the world, and one of the best places to teach them was near the mountains, on the plain, where they would hear about the beatitudes, something they would remember and never forget for the rest of their lives. Please join us in remembering these wonderful moments that our Lord Jesus Christ gave us to keep in our hearts and to share with the world around us. God bless you Always!

Good News from Dr. Luke

SERMON ON THE PLAIN (Luke 6:12-26)

¹²In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. ¹³And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: ¹⁴Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, ¹⁵and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. ¹⁷And 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, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. ²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. ²²"Blessed are you when people hate

you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

1. Why Jesus chose these 12 disciples, why 12 and not more? (v.12)
2. Why Jesus chose the disciple who would betray him?
3. Why Jesus decided to teach the beatitudes on the plains and not elsewhere? (v.17)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

4. What does it mean for Jesus to heal and speak to a large multitude, and how important was for His ministry?
5. What does it mean for the disciples to witness Jesus great healing power and hear His Words of Wisdom?
6. What did it mean for the people to be with Jesus the Son of God and receive healing?

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU?

7. Why Jesus fixed his eyes on his disciples while He was sharing the Beatitudes? Why was it so important for Jesus to look people in their eyes when he was speaking to them?
8. Why Jesus loves to be close to His people, and why they followed Him everywhere and wanted to touch Him.
9. Why is it that when God calls people, not many accept his call? If God calls you today to serve him, would you accept his call?

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As you spend time praying remember that prayer is meant to be the most natural, easy, and empowering part of your day. Prayer is talking to God, knowing that He hears you, and that He loves you. In your prayers ask God to help you grow in grace, in kindness, in love for others, even those who do not follow your rules. Ask God to help you keep your mind and heart focused on what is most important. Ask God to help you let go of small things, minor irritations, stiff rules as you grow in your care for, love and acceptance of, others. God will help you love Him more too because He loves you.