



Distracted By Division (Luke 6:12-16)

What happens when you put two people who are political polar opposites together in a group? Is there any way for them to get along? Consider joining us for church online – Saturdays at 7pm & Sunday at 10am.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. [ICEBREAKER] Have you ever done a personality profile, like a DISC or Myers-Briggs? What did you learn about yourself?
2. What resonated with you the most about this week's sermon? Why?
3. Matthew and Simon the Zealot could not have been more different. But Jesus called them both. What do you think their early interactions and conversations were like?
4. What they had in common - Jesus - was more important than the politics that divided them. And to those looking in from the outside, from the crowds who watched and listened to Jesus - the presence of these two men in community with each other and with Jesus communicated a clear message that was so powerful. Have you ever seen anyone live like that, that the unbelieving world would take notice of? What made them stand out?
5. The new community (the church) is just as diverse and varied as that band of twelve apostles was. And Jesus' mission for us is WAY too important for us to listen to the voices of those who would seek to divide us. How can we limit the impact of those voices on our lives this week?
6. Love begins with listening. What's one place or relationship this week where you can listen more than you talk?

MOVING FORWARD

Listening is where love begins. And love is the way of Jesus.

“When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles...”
—Luke 6:13 (NIV)