

Luke 6:13-16

**I. Understanding the Zeal for \_\_\_\_\_**

Luke 6:15b "Simon who was called the Zealot"

Matthew 10:4 "Simon the Zealot"

Mark 3:18 "and Simon the Zealot ..."

**A. Israel's History**

Deuteronomy 28:47-48 "Because you did not serve the Lord your God with joyfulness and gladness of heart, because of the abundance of all things, therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the Lord will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness, and lacking everything. And he will put a yoke of iron on your neck until he has destroyed you."

Mattathias revolts, "Let everyone who is zealous for the Law and who stands by the covenant follow me!" (1 Maccabees 2:27)

**B. The Zealots Move Underground**

**C. Four Groups Emerge**

**1. Pharisees – the Conservatives**

**2. Sadducees – the Liberals**

**3. Essenes – the Isolationists**

**4. Zealots – the Patriots**

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ Power of God**

Acts 1:6 "So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?'"

John 2:15-16 "And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.'"

**A. Following Jesus Will Change How You See \_\_\_\_\_**

**1. Overcoming \_\_\_\_\_**

Matthew 9:9 "As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he rose and followed him."

**2. Learning to \_\_\_\_\_**

Matthew 5:44 "But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"

John 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**B. Following Jesus Will Change How You See the \_\_\_\_\_**

**III. God Will \_\_\_\_\_ Your Zeal for the Kingdom of God**

Daniel 2:44 "And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever"

2 Kings 10:16a "And he said, 'Come with me, and see my zeal for the Lord.'"

Romans 12:10-11 "Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord."

Psalms 73:25 "Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you."

Philippians 3:4b-5 "If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;"

Philippians 3:6-8 "as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ"

Philippians 3:9-11 "and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead."

Acts 20:24 "But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

