JESUS CALLS THE TWELVE APOSTLES

Luke 6:1–16

Key Verse: 6:13

1. How does Luke describe the setting, and what does this suggest about the disciples (1)? What do some Pharisees say (2)? What does it reveal about them and their religious practice?
2. How does Jesus defend his disciples (3–4)? What does this tell us about his view of God’s laws? What does it mean to accept Jesus as “lord of the Sabbath” (5)?
3. What’s the next setting (6)? Imagine what the man’s life is like. Who’s watching and why (7; cf. 13:14)? What does Jesus know, what does he ask the man to do, and what’s the purpose of this (8)?
4. What does Jesus’ question imply about the Pharisees, and what principle does it teach (9; cf. Ro13:8–10)? How does Jesus act on this, and what does it show about him (10; 6:5; 5:24; cf. Jn10:11)? What does the Pharisees’ response say about those times (11)?
5. What does Luke describe next (12)? Why does Jesus do this at this time? When day comes, what does he do (13)? Why “twelve” (22:28–30)? Note how often Luke calls them “apostles” (6:13; 9:10; 17:5; 22:14; 24:10); what does it mean (10:16)? What does Jesus plan to do with them (8:1; 9:1–2)? Why is this such an important direction?
6. Find out what you can about these men (14–16; cf. Ac4:13). Why does Jesus change Simon’s name (22:31–32)? Why do you think these men are chosen (see 5:38; 6:40; 8:15; 10:2)? How can we follow Jesus’ example in this?