

## Journey with Jesus

### STUDY 4      Luke 6:12-49      Jesus constitutes the kingdom of his people

As a community we want to draw near to Jesus Christ, as we seek spiritual renewal together from God. We want to be with Jesus, become like him and share his news with others. We are inviting everyone to join in!

Jesus' priority is to proclaim the good news that God's kingdom is entering the world by his power as God's anointed King (see 4:17-21, 43). In this section Jesus puts foundations in place for his people to flourish in all circumstances.

6 v. 12-16      Jesus chooses 12 from all his disciples to be closest to him. **What clues does Luke give us about the significance of this moment?**

6 v. 17-19      Jesus is establishing new leadership for his kingdom people on earth. **What are the three main activities that powerfully mark the beginning of this new era? Where have we seen Jesus do these kinds of works since the start of Chapter 4?**

#### THE BIGGER PICTURE

Exodus 19 tells the story of how God constituted the people of Israel. We read there how Moses encountered God on a mountain, came down to address the elders of Israel with powerful signs, shortly before giving the Law (starting with the 10 commandments).

**What do you think Luke is telling us by describing how Jesus chose his 12 disciples in a similar way?**

6 v.20-26      Jesus came down the mountain with his 12 disciples and stood to speak a great crowd of disciples with many more people from across the whole region of Israel and beyond. **All the 'blessings' and 'woes' seem to be designed to make a single point. Fill in the table below and have a go at summarising what Jesus is saying?**

Who is 'blessed'?	Why?	'Woe' to who?	Why?
<i>Poor</i>	<i>Kingdom of God is theirs</i>		

6 v.27-36      This is how to live under Jesus' blessing. Look at the different examples he gives to explain what it means to 'love your enemies'. **What occasions do we come across in our lives where we need to put his principle to work more?**

6 v.37-49      In this section Jesus makes 5 points, each of which is immediately followed by an illustration. **Taking each point in turn, how does Jesus' illustration make the point?**

*Discuss*      **How does this teaching apply to our own lives and mission as a church? For example: Where do you stand? Who's your teacher? Where is your foundation?**

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**Do you find anything especially challenging about how Jesus teaches us to live?**