

Oaklands Chapel – Assignment – March 22 2009

Luke 6:12-19 *“Calling the Twelve; Caring for Crowds”*

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1. Read Luke 6:12-16. Talk about the significance of Jesus spending all night in prayer. What does this tell us about His relationship with His Father? What does it tell us about our need for prayer? Talk about your own experience of prayer. Have you ever dedicated an extended period of time to prayer? Share this experience. Should we do more of this?
2. Talk about how many of the Twelve apostles you know something about. Of the ones you know, would you consider them to be extraordinarily gifted people? What does this list of the 12 tell us about the kind of people Jesus chooses to use in His Kingdom?
3. What is your understanding of the difference between ‘disciples’ and ‘apostles’? Of the many disciples why did Jesus choose the 12? What would be their function in years to come? Should we learn something from this about leadership training and passing the baton of leadership from generation to generation?
4. Luke includes this note in his list of apostles, “Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor”. How do you respond to this note? If one from this privileged group could have his heart so corrupted, what kind of warning ought this to be for us who seek to follow Jesus with our whole hearts?
5. Read Luke 6:17-19. In the scene described here, what do you think Jesus’ relatively new followers (disciples and apostles) would be learning? Did Jesus always heal everyone whom He came across that was ill? If not, why do you think He did so in this instance? What was He teaching His disciples at this point? What should we learn?