



**June 14, 2026**

**Theme:**

**Luke 6:12–19 — Prayer and the Call of the Twelve**

**Life Application:**

Prayer is essential to give us all we need to "Just Go."

**Scripture:**

**Luke 6:12–19**

**Memory Verse:**

*"Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church." **Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)***

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**Review**

In the past few weeks, we have seen how the Pharisees had become more and more angry with Jesus. Can you name any of the reasons they were angry with Jesus? Here are some of them:

- Jesus healed on the Sabbath

- Jesus forgave sins
  - Jesus and his followers "worked on the Sabbath"
  - Jesus said he was Lord of the Sabbath
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## Read and Discuss Luke 6:12–16

*12 One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. 13 When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: 14 Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, 15 Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, 16 Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.*

1. Read **verse 12**. What was Jesus doing? (He was praying on a mountainside — he prayed all night.) Why do you think Jesus prayed all night? (Discuss.)
2. After Jesus prayed all night, he was ready to do something special. See **verse 13**. What important thing did he do? (He called all of his disciples to him, and named **12 of them to become apostles**.) What is an apostle? (Let family members guess, then read this definition: An apostle is one who "goes out" or is "sent out.")
3. There were many people who were disciples of Jesus. But the apostles were the twelve chosen by Jesus to be the core group specifically chosen by him to be his closest followers, eyewitnesses to his resurrection, and the foundational leaders of the early church.
4. Who were the apostles? Read **verses 14–16**. (Simon, whom he named Peter, his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.) Jesus chose these men from among thousands of disciples! Because of his all-night prayer, he knew exactly who he needed to work alongside him and witness for him throughout the world.

5. What was special about these men that caused Jesus to choose them out of all of his followers?

1. They were uneducated, common, ordinary people
2. They were normal people, like you and me
3. There was nothing outstanding about them:

*"But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong."* **1 Corinthians 1:27**

Chosen by Jesus and with the power of the Holy Spirit, they could do everything he needed them to do:

*"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."* **Philippians 4:13**

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### **Read and Discuss Luke 6:17–19**

*"17 He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, 18 who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, 19 and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all."*

1. What did Jesus do next? (He went to a level place where many people could gather around him. He healed people of diseases, and cast out demons.)
2. What did the people do when they saw all of this happening? (They all wanted to touch him.) Why? (Because power was coming from him and healing them all.)

3. Where did this power come from? (The power came from him.)
  4. What was the "fuel" that energized his power? (Prayer. Jesus went back to prayer over and over again!)
  5. Can we also have power like this? Power to heal, to speak and witness for Jesus, and to help others? (Discuss) We can have the same power through our faith in Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and through prayer, just asking for God's help. We can do anything God calls us to do! He will give us the ability to succeed.
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### **A Word from Our Pastor, David Chadwick:**

It's time to be used by God to do amazing things in this world for him! It's time to be men and women of valor. It's time to operate in Jesus's strength and power. He doesn't need ability but availability. It's time to **JUST GO!**

Where is your mission? Where is your ministry? Pray and ask God to show you where he wants you to go for him!

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### **Family Challenge**

This summer, plan one thing (mission) to do together as a family. Before starting, pray together, seeking God's wisdom in choosing what to do.

Challenge your family to work together to come up with a plan, decide on the steps that are needed, and follow through. No matter how big or how small, ask Jesus to guide you and give you the power through the Holy Spirit to carry out your mission!

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### **Prayer:**

*Jesus, thank you for showing us that prayer is important for us to have the faith and courage we need to step out and do big things to glorify you. We don't always feel we are able, but we know that if we have faith and pray, you will guide us and give us the strength to JUST GO. We love you! In your name we pray, Amen.*