

LESSON PLAN

TWELVE DISCIPLES CHOSEN AND INSTRUCTED

Lk 6:12-49 (Mt 4-7; 10:1-4; Mk 3:13-19)

Lesson Memory Verse: John 15:16a - "You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you . . . to bring forth fruit."

Lesson Aim: Be a faithful worker so Jesus will choose you to do a special job in building His Church.

Lesson Plan: Use the KEY – HE – SEE – WE – BE plan (explained in the Introductory Notes).

KEY (for Attention): Have you ever played a game where you had to be chosen by a leader to see whose side you would be on? What kind of game did you play? It made you feel good when you were chosen first or second, didn't it? In school you may be chosen for some special job in the classroom. At church you may be chosen for some special part in the Christmas play. Whenever you are chosen to do something special, count it as a job that the Lord has given you. Be faithful and do your very best.

HE (for Authority): Our memory verse tells us that Jesus chose His disciples to produce fruit, which means they were to bring sinners to Jesus to be saved. This was a special job that would help Him build His Church. Since He is still building His Church, He is still choosing believers to do this special work for Him. Actually He has chosen every believer to do this special work, but not every believer is faithful in doing it. It is a great privilege to be chosen by Jesus to do this work and He will reward those who are faithful in doing it. I hope you will be faithful and do your very best in bringing people to Him for salvation. In our lesson today, you will also learn about one person that Jesus chose was an unbeliever. You will find out why Jesus chose him. He looked like a believer, but he accepted Jesus' call so he could an important leader in His Kingdom. He did not want to help Him build His Church.

SEE (for Apperception) and WE (for Application): PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scripture for this lesson. First let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word. In our Bible story today we will learn about the time when Jesus chose His twelve disciples from the many men that followed Him. It was a great privilege for each of the twelve disciples to be chosen by Jesus.

I. Concern of Jesus - Luke 6:12

Before Jesus decided which of His followers to choose and then train, He wanted to talk about it with His heavenly Father. He was so careful in this decision that He prayed all night. Yes, He talked with His heavenly Father all night. We might think that such a decision could be made in thirty minutes with all the knowledge that Jesus and His Father had, but they talked all night about the men that Jesus should choose. Jesus was very concerned that He would choose the right men. Some of the discussion must have included Judas. They knew he was not a true believer, even though he professed to be one. So why did Jesus choose him? He was chosen that the Old Testament scriptures might be fulfilled (Jn 13:18; 17:12; Ps 41:9; 109:6-19). He is a warning to those who follow Jesus for the wrong reasons. Each disciple was carefully chosen for a specific reason according to His Father's foreknowledge of what they would do. Above all things Jesus wanted men that would be a good foundation for His Church (Eph 2:20).

WE: We have been chosen by Christ to work in building His Church. He and His Father know what we will do in building the Church of Jesus Christ. They know whether you will do well or you will do poorly. They even know if you are a true believer. So Jesus has chosen you according to what He knows about you. I hope that you will faithfully serve Him. Then He will have a special job for you in building His Church.

II. Choice of Jesus - Luke 6:13-16

Jesus chose twelve men to follow Him. These men lived with Jesus for more than three years so He could train them in bringing sinners to salvation and in doing their part in building His Church. How did He train them? He trained them like good parents would train their children how to work well and get the job done right, or how to play according to the rules. First, Jesus told them what they needed to know. Then He showed them how to do it. Finally, He had them do it. He trained them well and they were successful.

WE: We also need to be trained to work for Jesus. I will do my part to train you to teach the Bible. Jesus may want you to teach some children that are younger than you. First, I will tell you what God has told us in the stories of the Bible. This will help you know some of the Bible. Then I will show you how to teach as you watch me teach. Finally, I will let you practice teaching by having one of you to tell the Bible story that I taught you the previous week. This is how you can be trained to work for Jesus as a teacher.

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III. Compassion of Jesus - Luke 6:17-19

Jesus loves people. When Jesus came down from the mountain where He had chosen His disciples, a great many people came to Him. They came to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases and to have demons cast out of them. Jesus healed their diseases and cast out the demons that tormented them.

WE: We can be sure that Jesus loves us, too. He will comfort us when we are sick and usually He will heal us. When He doesn't heal us, He has a special reason for not doing so. Will you still believe that He loves you? He really does, even if He does not heal your body now. When you get to Heaven, you will understand why you were not healed, but for now, look to Him for comfort. But there is better way that He shows His love to us; He will save us from our sins, if we go Him and ask Him to cleanse us. He will take away our dirty sins and make us clean. This is the best way that He can show His love to us.

IV. Commands of Jesus - Luke 6:20-49

Jesus taught His disciples many good lessons, which are also good for us to know. Some of them are as follows:

6:20-26 – He contrasts His blessings (6:20-22) with His woes (6:24-26).

Blessed	Woe
Poor	Rich
Hungry	Full
Weep	Laugh
Badly treated	Well treated

People who are rich, filled with food, laugh at the problems of life and are well treated by almost everyone usually are those who foolishly feel they have no need of God. Woe unto them. But those who are poor and hungry and those who weep and are badly treated, are those who usually cry out to God for help and find His comfort. Happy are those people.

.WE: Do we look to God to help us and trust Him to supply our needs each day? We show how much we depend on Him by the times that we pray to Him each day.

6:27-35 - Love your enemies that mistreat you and do cruel things to you. Love them by doing good things to them. Ask God to bless them and pray for them, even though they have been mean to you.

WE: We cannot love anyone without doing something good to him. Have you been good to your enemies?

6:36 – Be merciful as God is merciful.

WE: We need to be merciful by sowing kindness to those who hurt us and be ready to forgive those who hate us and fight against us. We need to treat them like God has treated us.

6:38 – Give, and it shall be given unto you.

WE: We need to give our money, our food and other things that we have to people in need, because we love them. If our love is real, God will use people to help us when we are in need.

6:40 – A pupil is not greater than his teacher.

WE: We will never be greater than Jesus, our Teacher, but we should try in every way to be like Him.

6:46 – A follower of Jesus must obey Him. How can someone call Jesus his Lord (Master), if he refuses to obey Him? It is impossible.

WE: We must seriously try to obey the commands that Jesus has given us in this lesson. If we obey Him, we will be like a house built upon a rock that will not fall when the storms of life come.

BE (for Action): Do you love Jesus? Is He your Savior? If not, do not be like Judas. Receive Jesus as your Savior today. Is Jesus your Master? Can He trust you to be faithful in the job He has given you? When you realize that you are one of Jesus' servants, you should thank Him every day for choosing you.