



# The Calling of the Apostles

## Luke 6:12-16

### INTRODUCTION

After a night of prayer, Jesus calls 12 disciples to become apostles (his sent out ones), showing us he uses flawed people who are won by grace to bring his kingdom.

### INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

### OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?

### REVIEW

- Have someone read **Luke 6.12-16**
- What is the difference between a disciple and an apostle?
- What's so special about being an apostle? (Bonus question ... explain **Matt 19:28**)
- Why did Jesus pray all night prior to picking the apostles? What does this tell us about Jesus? What does it tell us about prayer?
- What is the significance of picking 12?
- Why does Jesus pick such flawed people?
- What do you like best about the apostles?
- What can we learn from Judas?

### APPLICATION

- Steven suggested that our greatest need at HBC is to become desperate for God to work and to express that desperation through prayer. What do you think HBC greatest need is? How can you/we help meet that need?
- Discuss your practice of prayer?
- How can we continue the apostles' ministry of raising up disciple making disciples (see **2 Tim 2:2**)?
- Have you ever been discipled or discipled someone else? Discuss.
- Steven suggested the church tends to rely too much on programs and too little on relationships. Agree? Discuss.
- What has God asked you to do?
- Let's pretend God would grant you a wish: Complete the wish using one of these two sentences: I wish that over the next 5 years God would use me to do \_\_\_\_? I wish that over the next 5 years God would allow me to become \_\_\_\_?
- Now prayer for each other's wish!

### PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?