

It Started with Twelve #2

The Community of Discipleship

Word

Scripture Reference

Luke 6:12-16; 8:1-3

Sermon Outline

1. A Community of the Intentionally Chosen (v. 6:12-13)
2. A Community of the Broken (v. 6:14-16)
3. A Community of Friends (v. 8:1-3)

Discussion Questions

1. As a Christian, how are you growing constantly in your walk with the Lord? Did anyone ever spend time with you to help you grow in your faith?
2. Luke 6:12-13 describes a community of the intentionally chosen. What did Jesus do before He chose the twelve disciples (apostles)? How much time did He spend in prayer before He made this important decision?
3. In your personal life, have you ever spent an extended time in prayer? What kind of decision or event do you think might cause a person to spend a prolonged time in prayer?
4. Jesus singled out twelve men among his followers to be apostles. What significance can be drawn from this fact? What is the difference between a disciple and an apostle? Why did Jesus spend all of his three years of ministry life with them?
5. Verses 14-16 give us the name of the twelve apostles. What facts can you recall about each of these twelve men that tell us that they were a community of the broken?
6. Most of the time, we find it difficult to admit that we, too, are broken and have the "As Is" tag on our back. We suffer from greed, temper, pride, inadequacies, etc., and tend to pretend that we are perfect, but we are not. How can coming to grips with our brokenness help us in our journey to find true community?
7. Luke 8:1-3 tells us that the twelve apostles went with Jesus through every

city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. What a bonding time they must have had! Obviously, they were a community of friends. Women who were touched by Jesus followed them, too, and provided for their needs. What can we learn from this group of people about friendship? Do you consider Jesus as your friend? As His friend, do you spend time with Him? How about the church? Do you consider it a community of friends?

8. The apostles lived passionately for Christ until they died. Their lives radically changed when Jesus called them. None of them had an easy life nor did they die easily. What do you think made them feel the way they did?

Walk

A lot of people had a non-sense death: accident, murder, calamity, prolonged illness, etc. Would dying for Christ be a better way to leave this world?

Worship & Prayer

Join the Corporate Prayer Time every Friday, 7:15-8:00pm at the Balcony

- Praise God for who He is, what He has done and what He will continue to do in your life.
- Share your personal concerns and take turns to pray for one another.
- Pray for wisdom and good health for pastors and leaders of our church.
- Pray for the ongoing preparations for our 45th anniversary play & musical.
- Pray for wisdom, protection and provision for Diana, John and Sandesh as they continue to obey God's call to serve in India and East Asia.
- Pray for salvation, joy and grace in sickness, financial provision, comfort for loved ones, and relief from pain for cancer patients: SL (successful iodine and radiation treatment), Susie Yu, Segundo Yu, Cecille, Mr. Go, Cris Aviso, Benito Tan, Isabel.
- Pray for healing, full recovery, salvation and financial provision of EB (chemotherapy and bone marrow procedure), Dustin (GBS), Ernesto Go (aneurysm-coma, successful brain surgery), Margarita Ong (coma), and grandmother of Mrs. Macalalad.