



friendship  
community church

Book of Luke Series

Luke 6: 12-16

Week of May 19-25, 2019

#faithful

What makes someone faithful?

Let's take a few minutes to revisit the 45 Days of Faithfulness. (Be careful not to make this a "scolding or judgment time" but a reminder that faithfulness is an ongoing desire God has for us as Christ followers.)

- Faithfully Grow – what are some ways that you have grown in faithfulness recently?
- Faithfully Give – How have you been challenged to continue to give faithfully?
- Faithfully Gather – With summer coming, how will you commit to faithfully gathering?
- Faithfully Share – How have you taken advantage of opportunities to share about Christ?
- Faithfully Invite – Who is it that you are praying for and committing to invite to attend church with you soon?
- Faithfully Fast – What might be something God is leading you to put on pause in your life to devote more time to prayer and Bible study?
- Faithfully Serve – Where are some places you have been serving or praying about an opportunity to serve?

Luke 6:12-16 ESV

*"In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor."*

Jesus models faithfulness as He prays all night for the Father to reveal to Him the 12 to choose as apostles out of all the disciples who were following Him at that time.

12 men chosen by God to be Apostles

What was there job? Healings, supported, learned, witnessed,

Jesus pours into them so they would share what they learned.

How might our commitment to faithfulness help others to follow after Christ?

We are called to be

- ministers of reconciliation – *2 Corinthians 5:11-21* (you might want to take the time to read through this passage and be familiar with it or read it in the group)
- missionaries – *Matthew 28:18-20*

We wait for Him to return

What do we do while we wait? (see above – reconciliation and reach others for Christ)

Out of the 12 apostles we know that one of them betrayed Jesus.

How might we betray Jesus? (Our words; Choosing not to pray and study God's Word; How we treat others, etc.) Allow time for the group to share some ways we might betray Him.

Thankfully our walk with Christ is dependent on Him and His faithfulness and what He has already done for us. It is not based on our works. But our works will show Him of our love for Him.

How faithful are you in your walk?

Don't take a vacation from your faith this summer.

What are some things that might be a temptation to you to take a vacation from being faithful this summer?

How might you drive a "stake in the ground" and commit to be faithful out of your love for Christ?

This week as you continue to pray include in that prayer time how God might be leading you pray for Celia Schoen and supporting her financially. Celia is a member of our church that is heading to the mission field as a nurse and an educator. Would you pray and ask God how He might be including you in giving on a monthly basis and praying for Celia?

How will you participate in sending Celia?

How will you be faithful to support Celia's faithfulness to go serve?

Take time to share prayer requests and pray together.