

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

**For the week of 5-29-2022**

### For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with The Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

**Quick Review** Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

**\*Opener Question or Activity:** Have you ever been in the position to hire prospective employees? Or maybe choose members for a team? Discuss any situation you have been in relating to this.

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text:** Read aloud Luke 6:12-16 - God Uses Ordinary People

**Digging Deeper:** *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

1. At this time in Luke 6, we don't know how many disciples Jesus has. Here He picks 12 apostles from that group. The word "disciple" means pupil. An "apostle" is an ambassador. Are you a pupil? An ambassador? What are you wanting for your walk with Him?
2. It seems evident in this passage that Jesus knew He was about to ordain some men, so He spent all night praying. How have you learned to include God and listen to Him as you travel on your path before Him?
3. In this list of 12 whom Jesus appoints, some we rarely read about again. Are we willing to work steadily without mention/acclaim? Conversely, are you willing to be "up front" if that is where you are called?
4. Read aloud 1 Corinthians 1:25-28. Focus on these words: foolish, weak, base, despised. God often uses those of us in those categories to shame the "wise" and "powerful". Recount how God has used you despite your own limitations. Why does He work this way?
5. Read aloud 1 Corinthians 1:29-31. How does God feel about boasting? In verse 30, He does mention attributes/conditions that can be boasted about. How do we keep ourselves humble when we have been used successfully by God?

**Apply it today:** Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember? Why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?