

Luke 6:12-16

Making smarter choices

¹² One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.

¹³ When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles:

¹⁴ Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, ¹⁵ Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

..... **to decide. 6:12**
Choose at the right
When the right time had fully come... Gal.4:4-5
Wait for the Lord. Be strong... Psalm 27:14
choose in the right
When you pray, go into your... Matthew 6:5-6
choose in the right
choose with the right

Decided, then 6:13
Be and clear
Don't doubt in the dark what God showed you in the light
Be and transparent
Be and engaged

Decide within God's 6:14-16
Everyone who belongs to Christ Jesus and wants to live a godly life will indeed have troubles. 2Tim.3:12
...in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have many trials and sorrows... John 16:33

Decide within God's 6:12-16
Things were written long ago in the Scriptures to teach us... Romans 15:4
God's will for my life:
Get saved. Galatians 1:3-5, 2 Peter 3:9
Be holy. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8
Be thankful. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Forget the clock. Choose the compass.

My prayer priorities, 11 March 2018

This week's song selection

Shine Jesus shine | Love is surrender to God's will | I'm praying for you |
Seek ye first | I have decided to follow Jesus | Thy Word is a lamp |
Open our eyes Lord | We, we are God's people

Thought starters for personal reflection, or group discussion

1. What have been the five biggest decisions you have ever made?
2. What factors make a decision a "big" decision?
3. In Luke 6:12 how did Jesus model preparation for a big decision?
4. In Luke 6:13 Jesus chose only twelve from His many disciples. What process did He adopt that was helpful for everyone?
5. When you get no sign from God how can you make the right choice? Romans 15:4. 2 Timothy 3:15-17.
6. How do each of these prayers prepare me for making a big decision? Matthew 6:9-13. Ephesians 3:14-19. Colossians 1:9-12.

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