

Luke Lesson 27 Handout

Luke 6:12–19 (NASB95)

¹²It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.

¹³And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles:

¹⁴Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James and John; and Philip and Bartholomew;

¹⁵and Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot;

¹⁶Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

John McArthur wrote a book called "12 Ordinary Men". He starts it with these words: "If you were going to recruit a team to alter the course of history, how would you begin? Jesus began with a walk by the lake. "Follow Me." The Master told them. And they did. Thus began His uncommon mission with twelve most common individuals: men who would become Christ's very first disciples. Have you ever considered who Jesus didn't choose for His inner circle? He didn't select a rabbi. He didn't recruit scholars. He didn't look within the religious establishment to build His team. Any of these would have given Him an inside track with those in power. Instead, he assembled a ragtag bunch of folks with unimpressive resumes. Jesus wasn't looking for religious superiority or extraordinary talent. Jesus wanted ordinary people-people with hopes and dreams of their

own, but people who were willing to leave their lives behind to follow the savior. People like you.”

1 Corinthians 1:26–29 (NASB95)

²⁶For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble;

²⁷but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,

²⁸and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are,

²⁹so that no man may boast before God.

John MacArthur in his book 12 Ordinary men says this:

God’s favorite instruments are nobodies, so that no man can boast before God. In other words, God chooses whom He chooses in order that He might receive the glory. He chooses weak instruments so that no one will attribute the power to human instruments rather than to God, who wields those instruments. Such a strategy is unacceptable to those whose whole pursuit in life is aimed toward the goal of human glory.

John MacArthur says this in his book:

All of that contributed to making him the leader Christ wanted him to be. God took a common man with an ambivalent, vacillating, impulsive, unsubmissive personality and shaped him into a rocklike leader – the greatest preacher among the apostles and in every sense the dominant figure in the first twelve chapters of Acts, where the church was born.

Acts 2:14 (NASB95)

¹⁴But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: “Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words.

Acts 2:41 (NASB95)

⁴¹So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

Mark 13:3 (NASB95)

³As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew were questioning Him privately,

John 1:40–42 (NASB95)

⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

⁴¹He found first his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means Christ).

⁴²He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (NASB95)

¹²For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.

¹³For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body is not one member, but many.

¹⁵If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body.

¹⁶And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body.

¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

¹⁸But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.

¹⁹If they were all one member, where would the body be?

²⁰But now there are many members, but one body.

²¹And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

²²On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary;

²³and those members of the body which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our less presentable members become much more presentable,

²⁴whereas our more presentable members have no need of it. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked,

²⁵so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.

²⁶And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

²⁷Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.

²⁸And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.

²⁹All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they?

³⁰All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they?

³¹But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way.

John 6:8–9 (NASB95)

⁸One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him,

⁹"There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?"

Edward Kimball – nobody really knows him but he was the Sunday school teacher who led D.L. Moody to Christ. Edward went to a Boston shoe store where a then 19 year old Moody was working and Edward cornered him in the stockroom and introduced him to Christ.

Kimball was not a bold evangelist. He was a timid soft spoken man. He went to the shoe store that day frightened and trembling – unsure of whether he had enough courage to share the gospel with Moody.

At the time Moody was crude and obviously illiterate but the thought of sharing Jesus with him scared Kimball to death. Moody had gone to Sunday school class but knew nothing of the bible so Kimball knew he needed to tell him what it meant to know Christ.

“I decided to speak to Moody about Christ and about his soul. I started down town to Holton’s shoe store. When I was nearly there I began to wonder whether I ought to go just then during business hours. And I thought maybe my mission might embarrass the boy, that when I went away the other clerks might ask who I was, and when they learned might taunt Moody and ask if I was trying to make a good boy out of him. While I was pondering over it all I passed the store without noticing it. Then, when I found I had gone by the door I determined to make a dash for it and have it over at once.”

Kimball found Moody working in the stockroom, wrapping and shelving shoes. Kimball said he spoke with limping words. He later said,, “I never could remember just what I did say: something about Christ and His love; that was all.” He admitted it was “a weak appeal.” But Moody then and there gave his heart to Christ.

D.L. Moody was used mightily by the Lord as an evangelist both in America and in England. His ministry made a massive impact on both sides of the Atlantic, spanning most of the second half of the nineteenth century. Tens of thousands testified that they came to Christ because of his ministry.

Matthew 10:1 (AMP)

¹AND JESUS summoned to Him His twelve disciples and gave them power and authority over unclean spirits, to drive them out, and to cure all kinds of disease and all kinds of weakness and infirmity.

Zechariah 4:6 (NASB95)

⁶Then he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the LORD of hosts.

2 Corinthians 4:7 (NASB95)

⁷But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves;

Acts 4:13 (NASB95)

¹³Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus.