

Weekly Sermon Reflection Guide

February 21, 2021

Remember Who You Are

Luke 6:12-13

EXPLORING THE SERMON

- * What did you hear?
- * What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- * What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

KEY VERSES

Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles..

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

During this past week's winter storm, we have all suffered to varying degrees. We have witnessed creativity, love, and resilience in our neighborhoods and throughout our state. Since our pastors and videography team were not able to hold this week's filming session due to weather, we instead reflect back upon our first online worship service of March 15, 2020.

As we began to understand the early effects of the pandemic, we were moving with uncertainty about how to navigate the future. It was a crucial time to be reminded of our calling and our mission. After such a stressful week, we look back to all God has taught us, and look forward with hope as He teaches us anew. **What did you learn this week? Where did you see God show up? In what ways were you called to help others?**

Just like one year ago as we moved into the pandemic, we could not have imagined a week like the one we've just endured. Everything around us has been impacted once again, and we have felt such a lack of control dealing with so much unknown. We can continue to believe in this scripture passage from Luke, just as we did one year ago, as constant and unchanging. **What do you hear in this foundational scripture? How are you reminded what we can count on during these times?**

As we are reminded of the love and call of God on each of our lives, we are taken back to the foundational three practices that are crucial to our spiritual formation: solitude, community, and service. **During the past week, how have your practices looked different?**

Consider each of these three disciplines and how they might look different for you this week:

- * Use the example of Jesus by beginning the day in prayer, not letting distractions prevent your time of **solitude**.
- * It takes discipline to be part of a **community**, to be authentic with others, and to lift others in prayer.
- * God calls us to **serve** others. How are you specifically being called to serve this week?

Heavenly Father, be with especially those whose lives have been uprooted by the events of this past week. We pray for your spirit to speak love and truth to us, as we are reminded of your gospel. Direct our paths this week as we seek to spend time with you, be encouraged in community with one another, and seek to serve in the places you call us. Amen