

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Psalm 118:5-14 & Luke 6:12-19. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you find most challenging? What really strikes you in these verses?
2. How often does the Psalmist refer to “the Lord” in these verses? What does that tell you about his relationship to God? What adjectives do you think the Psalmist would use to describe God?
3. This Psalm actually begins with thanksgiving & praise (vss 1-4). How would starting your day with words like these shape how you approached the tasks & troubles of a day in your life?
4. When things go badly, what is generally your first reaction? How do you approach a time when you feel surrounded or overmatched in your ability to deal with a current crisis?
5. How do verses 6-9 give you some clue as to what is happening in the life of the Psalmist? From what do you think God has “freed” him?
6. What happens when the Psalmist prays? What happens when Jesus prays?
7. Have you ever spent “all night” praying? Why/not? What kind of situation might occur where all night prayer is appropriate? How does Jesus’ example here impact how you think about prayer?
8. What stands out to you about the 12 men Jesus chose as his apostles? How are they distinct or different from the larger group of disciples?
9. For the remainder of this chapter, Luke records a substantial sermon from Jesus. Why do you think Luke makes a point to tell us there were Gentiles present? Why are healings & exorcisms a prelude to Jesus’ preaching?
10. We noted in worship that often we pray & then go to sleep or go about the rest of our day, but that Jesus prays himself into his mission to the world. What would need to happen in your life for you to adopt Jesus’ model of praying into your daily mission?
11. God chose ordinary people for an extraordinary task. How is He using your ordinary life for His glory? How often do you pray for Christ to use you in way you have not yet experienced yet?

Living Water Fellowship

14th Sunday in Pentecost – 11th September 2022

COME TO JESUS

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION ANCIENT OF DAYS (CITYALIGHT) CCLI 384660

SONG: *Lord be the Rising (AT 676)*

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: Psalm 118:5-14

- ⁵ “In my distress I prayed to the Lord, & the Lord answered me and set me free.
⁶ The Lord is for me, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?
⁷ Yes, the Lord is for me; he will help me. I will look in triumph at those who hate me.
⁸ It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in people.
⁹ It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.
¹⁰ Though hostile nations surrounded me, I destroyed them all with the authority of the Lord.
¹¹ Yes, they surrounded & attacked me, but I destroyed them all with the authority of the Lord.
¹² They swarmed around me like bees; they blazed against me like a crackling fire.
 But I destroyed them all with the authority of the Lord.
¹³ My enemies did their best to kill me, but the Lord rescued me.
¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song; he has given me victory.

CHILDREN’S TIME:

BIBLE READING: Luke 6:12-19

- ⁹ One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, & he prayed to God all night.
¹³ At daybreak he called together all of his disciples & chose twelve of them to be apostles.
Here are their names:
¹⁴ Simon (whom he named Peter), Andrew (Peter’s brother), James, John, Philip, Bartholomew,
¹⁵ Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (who was called the zealot), ¹⁶ Judas (son of James), Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him).
¹⁷ When they came down from the mountain, the disciples stood with Jesus on a large, level area, surrounded by many of his followers & by the crowds. There were people from all over Judea & from Jerusalem & from as far north as the seacoasts of Tyre & Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him & to be healed of their diseases; & those troubled by evil spirits were healed. ¹⁹ Everyone tried to touch him, because healing power went out from him, & he healed everyone.

SONG: *Be Thou My Vision (TIS 547)*

FAITH CHAT:

1. About what do you most often pray? Why do you think that is?
2. If someone overheard you praying, what would they come to think about God?

THE MESSAGE: *SPIRITUAL INTELLIGENCE: PRAYER IN A WORLD OF DISTRACTION*

OFFERING SONG: *Filled My Life with Grace (AT 548)*

PRAYERS:

THE COMMUNION:

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship Video during Communion: GOOD & GRACIOUS KING (CityAlight) CCLI 384660

GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

***(Name), † child of God,
The Father frees you for life in him. Amen.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: *Dreams And Visions (AT 249)*

SHOW HIS LOVE