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## Sermon Discussion Guide

### Intentionally Diverse & Forgiveness Community for a Global Mission - Christian - 04/2/23

#### Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key ideas/questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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#### Hook - Getting to know one another

- How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.
- What are your Easter and or Good Friday Plans? What traditions did you have growing up?

#### Book - Scripture

- Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:
- Read Luke 6:12-18
- Read Luke 5:21-30
- Notice the details about how Jesus went about selecting his disciples. What does this tell us about his character?
- What do we learn about who Jesus spends his time with from these two passages?
- What actions does Jesus take to be a gatherer of people?

#### Look - Connections to our world today

- This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.
- Imagine you were present at the gathering in Luke 6. Describe what you might have seen, heard, and experienced.
- Describe the different types of people that Jesus gathered to be his disciples. What might the dynamics have been like in the group.
- Describe a time when you were in a diverse group setting like that before. What was that like?
- What things do you notice about Jesus from this passage that you haven't before?



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#### Took - Personal Application

- This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or in church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, say or do this week.
- How does this passage (Luke 6:12-19) impact your thinking about Jesus? Is there an example to follow or something you need to believe?
- Examine your own heart. Do you tend to be someone who gathers and welcomes diverse people into your circle?
  - How can you become more like Jesus in this way?
- Are there times when you feel pressure to not welcome or include certain people? How can Jesus work on your heart in this area?

#### Time of Prayer