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- ⁷ Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a large crowd from Galilee followed.
- ⁸ When they heard about all he was doing, many people came to him from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon.
- ⁹ Because of the crowd he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him. ¹⁰ For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him. ¹¹ Whenever the impure spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." ¹² But he gave them strict orders not to tell others about him.
- ¹³ Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴ He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach ¹⁵ and to have authority to drive out demons. ¹⁶ These are the twelve he appointed: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter), ¹⁷ James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means "sons of thunder"), ¹⁸ Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

QUESTIONS

1. **Opening Sharing Qn.** How would you feel if you were picked by Jesus to be one of His twelve disciples?

2. Read v.13, and also Luke 6:12-13. Why did Jesus retreat up to the mountain before picking the disciples? Describe the last time you "retreated" to seek the Lord regarding a decision you had to make.

3.	Read v.14. (a) What were the twelve disciples appointed by Jesus tasked to do?
	(b) Why do you think there was an apparent focus on these areas of ministry?
4.	Key Application Qn. Jesus' disciples are called to bear witness to His words and His deeds in their lives.
	(a) What are the areas that you feel you need to grow in, so that you can become a more faithful disciple of Jesus?
	(b) Based on your answer in above: what is one concrete step that you can begin to take in
	your journey of following Christ more closely? Share with your CG for accountability and prayer support.