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Apostasy & Stumbling Saints

Luke 6:12-16

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12 *In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God.*

13 *And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles:*

14 *Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and*

James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew,

15 *and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and*

*Simon who was called the Zealot, **16** and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. (ESV)*

1. Get _____ (vv.12-16)

2. Be _____ (v.16)

3. Trust _____ (vv.14-15)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 Corinthians 1:26-31**. How would you respond to a person who has a kind of "spiritual inferiority complex" that keeps them from stepping up to do anything for Christ and the advancement of his kingdom?
2. Read **2 Corinthians 3:4-5** and **4:7-11**. How do these truths help you when you sense that making a difference for Christ in this world is beyond your ability?
3. Read **2 Timothy 2:15-23**. How do these reminders to Timothy address the problem with those who are tempted to take the truths found in the two previous discussion questions and insist, that regardless of their progress in godliness or their training, that they should be permitted to do any sort of ministry they desire to do?
4. Read **Luke 8:4-15** and **John 12:3-6**. What kinds of questions can you ask yourself to help ensure that your alliance with Christ is not for all the wrong reasons?
5. Read **John 21:15-17**. Mindful of the context and this low point in Peter's life (after his denial of Christ), what do you learn about Christ by his repeated call for Peter to get back to feeding his flock?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

September 29th

Is. 16-18 & Eph. 1

September 30th

Is. 19-21 & Eph. 2

October 1st

Is. 22-23 & Eph. 3

October 2nd

Is. 24-26 & Eph. 4

October 3rd

Is. 27-28 & Eph. 5

October 4th

Is. 29-30 & Eph. 6

October 5th

Is. 31-33 & Phil. 1

October 6th

Is. 34-36 & Phil. 2

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 07-12 – **Taking Hold of the Hope of a New Start**

Msg. # 12-18 – **Guilt and Forgiveness**

Msg. # 05-37 – **A Question of Perseverance, Salvation & Eternal Security**

Msg. # 12-03 – **The Encouragement of Being a Part of God's Plan**

Msg. # 09-03 – **The Unfailing Promises of God's Word**

Msg. # 06-38 – **Acquiring Strength & Stamina from an Omnipotent God**

Msg. # 12-33 – **Zechariah: God's Doubting Senior**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Augustine. **The Confessions**. Reprint. Baker Books, 1977.

Chantry, Walter J. **Today's Gospel: Authentic or Synthetic?** Banner of Truth, 1970.

Chapell, Bryan. **The Promises of Grace: Living in the Grip of God's Love**. Baker Books, 2001.

Gromacki, Robert. **Salvation is Forever**. Moody Press, 1973.

Guinness, Os. **God in the Dark: The Assurance of Faith Beyond a Shadow of Doubt**. Crossway Books, 1996.

Lawson, Steven L. **Absolutely Sure: Settle the Question of Eternal Life**. Multnomah, 1999.

Lloyd-Jones, Martyn. **Assurance of Our Salvation: Studies in John 17**. Crossway Books, 2000.

MacArthur, John. **Twelve Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped his Disciples for Greatness**. Thomas Nelson, 2002.

Miller, C. John. **Repentance and the 20th Century Man**. Christian Literature Crusade, 1975.

Packer, J. I. **A Quest for Godliness**. Crossway Books, 1994.

Roberts, Richard Owen. **Repentance: The First Word of the Gospel**. Crossway Books, 2002.

Swindoll, Charles. **Hope Again**. Word Publishing, 1996.

Watson, Thomas. **The Doctrine of Repentance**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1987.

Whitney, Donald. **How Can I Be Sure I'm a Christian? What the Bible Says About Assurance**. NavPress, 1994.