

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE**The Lord & His Lieutenants**

LUKE 6:1-19

OVERVIEW

Luke is the longest and most comprehensive of the four Gospels, presenting Jesus as the Perfect Man who came to save sinful men. Growing belief and growing opposition develop side by side. Those who believe his claims are challenged to count the cost of discipleship; those who oppose him will not be satisfied until the Son of Man hangs lifeless on a cross. But the resurrection ensures that his ministry of seeking and saving the lost will continue through his disciples once they have been equipped with the indwelling Holy Spirit. Luke reveals that Jesus is the King, and he has come to inaugurate his Kingdom. (Adapted from *Talk Through the Bible*).

APPLY // LUKE 5:17-39

1. Read Luke 5:17-39.
2. Discuss a few truths you learn about Jesus in this passage. How do these truths apply to our lives?
3. Discuss a few truths we learn about ourselves in this passage. What are a few specific ways we can apply these truths to our lives individually and corporately?

STUDY // LUKE 6:1-19

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

Overview: The Lord Jesus uses his authority to bless his people that they might bless others (not to add burdens to his people!).

1. Read Luke 6:1-5.
 - a. What do Jesus and his disciples do? How do the Pharisees respond? Why do they respond this way?
 - b. Read Deuteronomy 23:24-25. What does this verse say? Is the charge of the Pharisees legitimate? What does this reveal about the way the Pharisees read and applied the law?
 - c. How does Jesus respond to the Pharisees? What is his point in bringing up David (cf. 1 Sam. 16:1-6)?
 - d. What does Jesus mean when he says, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath"?
2. Read Luke 6:6-11.
 - a. Notice 6:6 describes events "On a Sabbath" as does 6:1. Why does Jesus intentionally do these things on a Sabbath?

- b. What do you notice about the behavior of the Pharisees? What's their motive? How is this motive different than what God's law commands?
 - c. How does Jesus respond to the Pharisees? What is Jesus' question meant to expose?
 - d. How does Jesus treat the man whose hand is withered? What does this tell us about who Jesus is and what Jesus is like?
3. Read Luke 6:12-19.
- a. What might Jesus have been praying for in light of the context?
 - b. Why did Jesus choose twelve from among His disciples? What do you know about these disciples? Why are they an unlikely group of men for Jesus to pick?
 - c. What does "apostle" mean and what does it imply for the twelve chosen?
 - d. In verses 17-18, what do you learn about the people who come out to see and hear Jesus?
 - e. What is significant about what is happening in this verse?
- General Bible study questions:
 - **God:** What does this passage teach me about the character of God?
 - **Humanity:** What does this passage teach me about myself and my need for God?
 - **Christ:** How does this passage teach me that God has met my needs in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
 - **Response:** How should I respond with my affections and my actions?
 - **God:** How does this passage help me hope in heaven?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: Share evidence of God's grace at work in your own life and/or how you've seen God's grace at work in a fellow CG member.