



SPORTS IN FOCUS

Drawing Near
Luke 5:1-6:16 • Lesson Three

READY

- What leader (coach, pastor, teacher, etc.) has impacted your life in a lasting way?
- What made you want to “follow” or be around this person?

SET

Context of Luke 5:1-6:16

Writing to set forth “an orderly account” of the extraordinary life of Jesus Christ, Luke continues his description of the Son of Man’s ministry in Galilee. Primarily these chapters record Christ’s calling of the twelve men who are the first identified disciples, and later as apostles. How amazing that this unlikely band of followers will become the human leaders of the worldwide entity known as the church! He also shows sovereign authority over nature, disease and defilement, sin and its consequences and religious tradition.

Keys to Text

Apostles: This term means “messengers, sent ones,” and is from the Greek word *apostoloi*. Luke reserves the term almost exclusively for the twelve disciples who were specifically called to a unique office of authority in Christ. The role of apostle involved a position of leadership and exclusive teaching authority in the early church. The New Testament were written by them or their close associates.

GO

Read Luke 5:1-6:16

1. Describe what happened when Christ called Simon (Peter), Andrew, James and John. What did Jesus Peter to do?
2. Christ, when confronted with a paralyzed man, responded in an unexpected way. What did his response say about Jesus?
3. Why would the events of Luke 5:27-32 have raised eyebrows and stirred up the religious leaders?
4. Summarize the discussion between Jesus and the Jewish leaders in Luke 5:33-39. What was each party saying?
5. Luke 6:1-11 focuses on a couple of incidents on the Jesus Sabbath. What did Jesus do here?
6. List the men Jesus chose to be His followers. Compare Luke’s list with Mark 3:13-19.; Do any of the Twelve go by other names?
7. How are you encouraged by the truth that the original twelve followers of Jesus were ordinary men?
8. What new insights do you find in these chapters about the Person and work of Jesus Christ?
9. Sinners were drawn to Jesus. Why is it rare for modern-day sinners to be drawn to the followers of Christ?

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Kentucky coach John Calipari apologized on Twitter after ESPN cameras caught him cursing at Terrence Jones near the end of the No. 12 Wildcats’ loss at Alabama. Calipari had drawn up a play to get Doron Lamb a shot attempt in the closing seconds of Kentucky’s 68-66 defeat. Rather than passing the ball to Lamb, Jones took the inbounds pass and put up his own last-second shot from half-court that went wide of the basket. Following the missed shot, Calipari cursed out his player for not executing the play. Jesus chose twelve ordinary men to lead the church and proclaim the gospel. These were men who struggled with self-control even as Jesus trained them. Self-control can be described as: Bringing my thoughts, words, actions and attitudes into constant obedience in order to benefit others. Self-control is listed among the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. When we recognize a loss of self-control in our lives, we need to depend upon the Holy Spirit to produce this fruit. Remind yourself that one reason we fail in our doing is because we fail to grasp at a deep, heart level what Jesus has already done. We only start “doing better” as we increasingly focus on what Jesus has already done, not on what we must do.