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And all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

Luke 6:12-16

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

TRUE STORY

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Leviticus 19:18

Matt 19:19, 22:39

Mark 12:31, Luke 10:27

Romans 13:9, James 2:8

Galatians 5:14 *“For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

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A Ministry of B.L.E.S.S.ing

After John the Baptist was put into prison, Jesus went into Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God. “The time has come,” he said, “the kingdom of God is come near. Repent and believe the good news.” Mark 1:14-15



Blessers vs. Converters

B.egin with Prayer

- Luke 3:21-22 -- at baptism.
- Luke 5:16 -- ministry summary.
- Luke 6:12-13 -- before calling the Twelve.
- Luke 9:18 -- before asking, Who am I?
- Luke 9:28-29 -- mountain of Transfiguration
- Luke 11:1 -- “Teach us to pray.”
- Luke 22:39 -- Mt of Olives

B.egin with Prayer

If we are not regularly praying for our neighbors, I doubt that God will use us to change them.

TRUE STORY

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- Choose a context – home, work, school, play.
- Think of 6 – 8 people, write down their names.
- Pray for them by name each day the rest of the summer.

Personal

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