

## Sermon Discussion Questions for January 31, 2016

### Luke 6:12-16; "Jesus Is Prayerful"

- 1) Introduction: Why is it important to understand proper "Christology" – that Jesus is both fully God and fully man?
- 2) When Jesus prayed, was He on "divine auto pilot" or did it require of Him personal faith, discipline, and devotion?
- 3) Why didn't Jesus just wake up one morning after a full night's sleep and pick His 12 apostles? Do you have a "docetic" view of Jesus?
- 4) Reflect on the number of times in the gospel of Luke alone that Jesus prayed:
  - a. 3:21-22.....and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened (and the Holy Spirit descended . . .)
  - b. 5:15.....Jesus would withdraw to desolate places and pray
  - c. 6:12.....before choosing the 12 (remember John 5:19,30 – I do nothing on My own initiative . . .)
  - d. 9:16.....And taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them (fed 5,000)
  - e. 9:18.....He was praying alone (just prior to Peter's confession)
  - f. 9:28-29.....He took with Him Peter and John and James and went up to the mountain to pray (Transfiguration)
  - g. 10:21.....(after the return of the 72) in that same hour He rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, 'I thank you Father, Lord of heaven & earth . . .
  - h. 11:1-4.....He taught the disciples the "Lord's Prayer"
  - i. 22:39-46.....on the Mount of Olives on the eve of His death
  - j. 23:26-49.....at His crucifixion (vs 34, 46)
  - k. 24:30.....after His resurrection (road to Emmaus)
  - l. 24:50.....at His ascension
- 5) Conclusion
  - a. "If the native-born Hawaiian, face-goggled, swim-finned, body surfing ninja says, 'It's time to go to shore' – then we better get to shore. And if Jesus Christ, the perfect God-Man, says, "It's time to pray" – then we better get to prayer." Agree?
  - b. Two of many reasons we do not pray as we should as believers:
    - a. self-\_\_\_\_\_ (the temptation of success)
    - i. b. self-\_\_\_\_\_ (the temptation of failure)
  - c. How does the GOSPEL address both of these temptations?
  - d. Did you know that Jesus, in His ascended glory, continues to pray? (Romans 8:31-39)