

New Growth of God's Kingdom

Luke 6:12-26

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1. New Control Vs 12-16

Spirit refilled, Jesus chose twelve disciples, eleven as his authorized representatives and one future traitor; through Judas' treachery and the others' leadership God's redemptive ministry exploded to reach all humanity.

Although care is taken in seeking the Spirit's leading, some appointees may betray Jesus and his redemptive purposes; although meant for evil the betrayal is allowed for redemptive purposes.

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2. New Community Vs 17-19

Jesus' Spirit led words and deeds attracted a large crowd of disciples and numerous seekers from even beyond the Jewish homeland who sought to benefit from his authority and power.

Gospel ministry by Spirit filled churches under Spirit filled and called leadership creates a transformed community that attracts others to see if Jesus can help them too.

3. New Citizenship Criterion Vs 20-26

a. Blessed

Marginalized sinners' felt need blessedly prompts them to seek Jesus' redemptive ministry to become Kingdom citizens, a citizenship affirmed by others' insulting them for becoming Christ followers.

a. Cursed

Self-satisfied/Self-sufficient sinners cursedly feel no need for Jesus' redemptive ministry and are affirmed as excluded from God's kingdom by others' praise for scoring big in this world.

Hurting marginalized people are more likely to be attracted to Spirit filled Gospel ministry to become committed Kingdom citizens than those who are self-satisfied.

Summary

Through constant submission to the Holy Spirit we can do redemptive Gospel ministry that will attract the marginalized to Elliott where they can discover he is the Saviour they need.

Questions

1. Although the enemy means it for evil, God does allow key individuals to mess up in following Jesus to keep his redemptive purposes moving forward.
 - a. What are the usual human responses to betrayals?
 - b. What we can do to look beyond the betrayal to find the door it opened for an even greater working out of God's redemptive purposes in and through us?

2. What things can we look for in an individual to indicate that a person is Spirit filled?
What things may indicate the specific role the Spirit has for that person to fulfill within the church?
Do you know the role he has presently appointed you to?
Is he calling you to a new role, and if so are you resisting moving to it?

3. What things marginalize people today that we should consider in shaping our ministries and outreach?
Which ones are prevalent in our community?
Which ones may cut across the barriers between the poor, middle-class, and wealthy that the Spirit may be prompting us to pursue?