**I <3 Making God's Love Famous**

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**Luke 6:12-16** One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. 13 When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: 14 Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, 15 Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, 16 Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

**Luke 9:57-62** As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, ‘I will follow you wherever you go.’

 58 Jesus replied, ‘Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.’

 59 He said to another man, ‘Follow me.’But he replied, ‘Lord, first let me go and bury my father.’

 60 Jesus said to him, ‘Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.’

 61 Still another said, ‘I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.’

 62 Jesus replied, ‘No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.’

**Luke 10:1-3** After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.

 2 He told them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. 3 Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.

**TEAM ESSENTIALS: What serving God is all about**

1) It’s about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 10:17** The seventy-two returned with joy and said, ‘Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.’

2) It’s about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 10:18** He replied, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

3. It’s about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 10:23** Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, ‘Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. 24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.’

**THE PARTICIPATIVE VALUE**

We believe that we are created to live deeply with one another — loving and being loved, knowing and being known, needing and being needed, celebrating and being celebrated. It is in the context of committed, authentic community — each person bringing their gifts, abilities, questions, doubts, learnings, insights, resources — that the Spirit’s power to transform lives is dramatically unleashed. Love becomes the rule. Old wounds begin to heal. Offenders find forgiveness, and true conversion becomes a reality. In a world of individualism and consumerism, we seek to be “we”-centered. The way of Jesus cannot be lived alone.

“The more genuine and the deeper our community becomes, the more will everything else between us recede, the more clearly and purely will Jesus Christ and his work become the one and only thing that is vital between us. We have one another only through Christ, but through Christ we do have one another, wholly, and for all eternity.”

 **—Dietrich Bonhoeffer**