

Feb. 26 - Scripture: Luke 6: 1-26

Verses that speak to you: Verses 1-11 find the religious leaders of the time accusing Jesus of breaking the Sabbath rule...the real question seems to be Jesus' authority.

Verses 12 - 16 find Jesus praying and then choosing his 12 apostles.

Verses 17 - 26 Jesus and his disciples come down from the mountain and are joined by a large congregation wanting to hear Jesus and be healed. Jesus spoke about having a blessed life, exposing the wrong way we perceive this happening and end up with misery and trouble instead. We give ourselves away to gain riches, position, popularity, approval, possessions and good times. To know true blessing is to follow the truth Jesus came to give the world, NOTHING else.

Observation: Everything we give ourselves to that means more to us than our relationship to Jesus Christ will leave us empty, lonely and miserable. With Jesus Christ as Lord, no circumstance can steal the joy He gives.

Prayer: Lord, may our lives reflect you as LORD in the world we walk through everyday, no matter the circumstances. Our joy and blessings come from you, nothing else. We need you. We cannot live out this day without you. Thank you, Jesus, Amen.

Writers: Thane & Linda Hollington - Our spiritual life together began in West Unity Presbyterian Church where we were married in 1996. In 2003 our Pastor sponsored us to attend a "Great Banquet" in a sister church...everything changed! We had a new commitment and desired more for our lives. We were lead into various ministries, each time challenged and blessed...even more changed. During these times our "circumstances" took many turns...none of which we would have chosen BUT richly blessed each time. This has all lead us to Eastminster where again we are challenged and blessed.