BCC Connection Group Questions: March 5, 2023 (Week 5) Vision Sunday

*Leaders Note: Just a friendly reminder that this is a guide to help facilitate your group. You do not have to cover all of the material on this lesson. ©

READ: Proverbs 29:18 (MSG), Luke 6:12-19, John 5:19, John 15:5

OPEN:

- What does it mean to have vision and values in your life? Briefly share with your group.
- What are the values and vision at Bridge City Church?
- o How do you see God at work right now at Bridge City Church?
- o Read **Proverbs 29:18 (MSG):** Discuss as a group the importance of seeing where we are going and the values it takes to get there from this verse.

DIG:

Read: Luke 6:12-19 (NLT)

- o How does Jesus connect to the Father in this passage in Luke 6:12? Why is it important for Jesus to spend this time with the Father?
- What is the importance of prayer in your faith journey? How does prayer shape and change you?
- At Bridge City Church one the values we share is the reality that what we do is spiritual. How could you daily walk and focus change, if you held and practiced this value of what you do is spiritual in your life?
- o **John 15:5** says that "I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing." What does Jesus say will happen to the one who abides and remains connected to Him?
- O Jesus demonstrates the importance of community and fellowship: feeding the multitudes (Matt.14:13-21), Training the 70 (Luke 10:1-8), Disciplining the 12 Disciples (Luke 6:13-16), and teaching the Inner Circle of Three (Mark 9:2-3, etc.). Why is this important to understand and live out as a follower of Jesus on a consistent basis? For you? For others? For the Church?
- O Jesus called His disciples and chose twelve of them to follow Him. What is the significance of this calling? How does this encourage you in your faith when thinking about the character and backgrounds of the disciples'?
- Discuss this quote as a group: "The men Jesus chose to follow Him were: Impulsive, temperamental, easily offended, all the prejudices of their environment, awkward, limited abilities, slow to comprehend spiritual things, "ignorant" and "unlearned" according to the world's standards. But they were teachable, had big heats, and were willing to confess their need." – Robert Coleman, 'Master Plan of Evangelism'

REFLECT:

- O How are you currently helping Bridge City Church live out the goal to see as many people as possible will begin a relationship with God and become fully devoted followers of Christ?
- How can you take your Next Step and become an active and growing follower of Christ at Bridge City Church?
- What are the two or three things the Holy Spirit spoke most clearly to you this this connection group today and how will you respond to Him?