

# 40 Days of Friendship

## Friends on Purpose

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### Group Connection Point

What was/is your favorite sport to watch? What was/is your favorite sport to play? If you do not consider yourself to be a 'sports' person, what is your extracurricular/hobby of choice?

### Group Discussion Questions for 'Friends on Purpose'

1. Many people are excited because we have officially started Spring Training in Major League Baseball, which means the regular season is right around the corner. What is something you get excited about as it approaches? What things are you excited to experience in the coming weeks?
2. This past Sunday, Kyle compared the body of believers to a baseball team. What were some of your takeaways from this comparison and the message as a whole?

Read Mark 3:7-19

3. See if anyone in the group has a Bible with a map in it. Where are people coming from according to verse 8? What does that tell us about the crowd that is assembling?
4. Why would Jesus have a small boat ready for him (verse 9)? What insight does this give us on what Jesus was dealing with on a daily basis during his ministry? What is the good that comes from this? What would be the difficulty for Jesus? The disciples? Those asking for time of Christ?
5. Jesus eventually appoints 12 disciples. Why do you think 12 is the number here? What does that size of group allow for them to do? What limitations might there be?
6. Not only does Jesus appoint the disciples, he also empowers them. What is the difference between someone being appointed and someone being empowered?
7. What authority are they given? How and when is that on display? What authority are we given?
8. List the disciples and what we know about them? What can we learn about the people Jesus calls based on the selection of these 12?

### **Individual Journaling and Reflection Questions for 'Friends on Purpose'**

- What might Jesus be asking you to abandon in order to better follow Him?
- What would be the cost to you to abandon this?
- What would be the gain for you? For the Kingdom of God?

### **Prayer for 'Friends on Purpose'**

As you take time to pray in your small group or throughout the week on your own, here are some ideas and concepts which may help focus your prayers:

- Pray for the relationships that you have in your life and that they might be full of purpose and meaning.
- Pray for the sacrifice those relationships might require of you and that you will have the strength to give of yourself.
- Pray that you might recognize the sacrifice that Christ made on your behalf out of love and commitment to you and your salvation.