

Weak Messengers – Strong Message

Luke 6:12-19.

When Jesus picks his disciples, he does something very unusual. When you want to change the world, you do it through people who are intelligent, hardworking and well connected. The disciples were pretty much the opposite! They should not have been able to achieve anything at all; it should have been impossible for the good news of Jesus to spread through the disciples. And yet it did!

God turned the world upside down through the weak and the unimpressive to show that he was doing it by his grace and power not by our talent and position.

We don't know exactly what the future will hold. We don't know what the world and church will look like 'post-COVID' (or when 'post-COVID' will be!). We don't know if the church will continue to lose influence in our country or if that will turn around. But we do know that no matter what, God will continue to make a people to love him and each other, and he will continue to spread his good news. He's done it when it was impossible before; he'll do it again.

When we face the waning influence and power of the church in our country we may be tempted to 'give up' and get on board with whoever has the power now or to 'scheme' and figure out a way to get power and influence back. There is, however, a third way – we can trust God. This isn't a call to inaction; it is a call to acknowledge that we aren't as influential as we were in the past and to be ok with that. God can work anyway! Our job isn't to give up or scheme – it is to trust him, turn to him and confess our fear and selfishness and seek out his presence, so that we might be renewed, and the good news of Jesus go forth again.

Questions

1. What stood out to you in the message?
2. How can you respond?