

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: March 4, 2018
Mark 3:13-19

1. What did Jesus do when he went to the mountainside, according to 3:13-14?
 - a. A relaxing retreat.
 - b. He called to him those he wanted.
 - c. He appointed twelve (of his disciples) that 1) they might be with him 2) he might send them out to preach 3) he might send them out to drive out demons.

2. Who were the twelve that Jesus appointed?
 - a. Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter)
 - b. James and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means “sons of thunder”)
 - c. Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him (what, we don’t get nicknames?).

3. Why did Jesus give some disciples new names and what did they mean?
 - a. Well, Matthew 16:13-20 explains Simon’s name, and it means _____

 - b. Well, the text tells us that Boanerges means “sons of thunder” and perhaps it has something to do with Luke 9:51-55. _____

(Compare Matt 21:12-13 with John 2:13-17 for reference)

4. Why would Jesus call someone as a preacher and leader in the church if he had a nickname for them that may not always be flattering?
 - a. Well, he called Judas too, didn’t he?
 - b. Sometimes the greatest gift that God sees in us can ultimately be our weakness or even downfall.

5. What would Jesus call you (This would be a good time for a “gifts assessment”)? _____

6. How will you choose to respond to your gifts and tendencies? _____
