



# A Disciple's Heart

Growing in Love and Grace

***Session 5: The Company of the Committed***

# *A Disciple's Heart:* **Session 5 Objectives**

To experience Christian community as modeled by the Holy Club.

To see the church's role in the process of perfection.



# OPENING PRAYER

*Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits thou hast given me,  
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

—St. Richard of Chichester (1197–1253)



# BIBLICAL FOUNDATION

*During that time, Jesus went out to the mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night long. At daybreak, he called together his disciples. He chose twelve of them whom he called apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter; his brother Andrew; James; John; Philip; Bartholomew; Matthew; Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus; Simon, who was called a zealot; Judas the son of James; and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.*

—Luke 6:12-16 CEB



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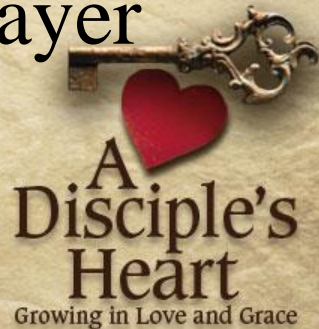
# CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE

- Distribute the “*Lectio Divina* Session 5” handout and work through the exercise.



# HOLY CLUB QUESTIONS

- In your table groups discuss the selected Holy Club question(s).
- Consider letting these groups serve as prayer partners for the coming week.



# NEXT STEPS

- What have been your experiences with accountability groups?
- Discuss the five points of sharing for accountability groups.
- What is your next step for creating accountability in your life?



# *FURTHER EXPLORATION*

## Key Points:

- Jesus' life with the disciples is the model for the way we are called to be in community with one another.
- The members of the Holy Club were drawn together by a common vision.
- There is no solo Christianity.
- Our weaknesses and faults are illumined in community.
- The church participates in God's transformation of the world.



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# LOOKING AHEAD

- The fire of the Holy Spirit
- The goal of Heaven



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# TAKE-HOME MESSAGE

What was your “take-home” message—the one thing that spoke most loudly or clearly from today’s session?

