Luke 6, God calls us

[Narrator]In our story today we'll hear about how god called people to help Jesus as he began his ministry.

[In our story are Jesus and a newspaper reporter. Alright, I know that they didn't have newspapers back when Jesus was alive, but if they did have them, well, maybe a reporter would have interviewed Jesus and it might have sounded like this part of Luke 6. Our reporter works for the Capernaum Times. Capernaum was the town where Jesus started his ministry.

In our story are Jesus, the Newspaper reporter, and lots of people who have followed Jesus near a mountain where Jesus is praying. They are all of us.

[Scene] Jesus is getting up and starts to walk, reporter catches up with him.

[Reporter] Good Morning, you are Jesus of Nazareth, aren't you?

[Jesus] Good morning, yes, I am, and could I ask. Who are you?

[Reporter] I'm Jacob and I work for the Capernaum times. There has been a lot of interest in what you are doing curing people. I know that you are a very busy man but I thought that I might be able to catch you early in the morning and ask you a few quick questions. I hope that I didn't interrupt your prayer.

[Jesus] No, I am finished praying and was just going down the mountain to be with the people there.

[Reporter] Actually, that's what I wanted to ask you about. You have been curing a lot of people and you have a lot of followers but isn't it kind of disorganized. I just wondered if you were going to get some people to help you. You know, like disciples.

[Jesus] Actually, that's what I'm about to do. In fact, that is what I was praying about. You see, I know that God doesn't want me to try to do this alone and so God has called some people to help me.

[Reporter] I think I know what you mean. How much will it cost them to be called?

[Jesus] I'm not sure that I understand your question.

[reporter] Oh come on, you know how much will it cost someone to learn how to do what you do. You know, the right words to say and all of that kind of stuff to get God to cure people like you do.

[Jesus] I'm afraid that you don't understand. I'm trying to show people how to follow God. God has called all of us to do different things. I know that God has called some people to go with me. What God will be asking them to do is to say yes and to come with me.

[Reporter] You mean it is free?

[Jesus] Yes, as far as money goes it is free. On the other hand being called by God will mean their changing their lives and plans. that's what It will mean for the people I'm looking for today. For others being called by God means helping when they can. Some people will give us places to stay, others will pray with us and help that way but God is calling everybody into what I call God's kingdom.

[Reporter] Alright, I think that I understand. So the people you call today will be more important than the people who let you stay in their homes, but then the people who let you stay in their homes or give you money will be more important than people who just come and listen.

[Jesus] No, to God everyone is equally important. We are just called to different things. For God's kingdom to come into being we will need all of God's people to follow their call and for them to do what God is asking them to do.

[Narrator]When Jesus came down from the mountain he called his first twelve disciples. They included many people you may have heard of like Peter and James and John as well as others. They may have been the first people that Jesus knew God had called, but they weren't more important than anyone else, they just got the great job of working with Jesus while he was on earth. The really good news is that we are called just like they were. Yes, just like the disciples we are also called by God. Isn't that great to know. God has called all of us and we all have lots to do. Every call is important, every call can make the world a better place. So it is really important that we all take our call from God very seriously so that we can be a part of making the world into a kind and loving place.