



Small Group Study Questions

Week 2

Acts 1:12-26

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they had entered the city, they went up to the upstairs room where they were staying, that is, Peter, John, James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. 14 All these were continually devoting themselves with one mind to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

15 At this time Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters (a group of about 120 people was there together), and said, 16 "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. 17 For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry." 18 (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out. 19 And it became known to all the residents of Jerusalem; as a result that field was called Hakeldama in their own language, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 "For it is written in the book of Psalms:

'MAY HIS RESIDENCE BE MADE DESOLATE,
AND MAY THERE BE NONE LIVING IN IT!';

And,

'MAY ANOTHER TAKE HIS OFFICE.'

21 Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us— 22 beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection." 23 So they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all people, show which one of these two You have chosen 25 to occupy this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." 26 And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

QUICK REVIEW

What was one thing that Pastor Fred said in his sermon this past week that stands out to you?

DIGGING DEEPER

What are some of the big decisions you have had to make in your life? How did you make them?

Read Acts 1:12-26

Have you ever had a time where you were “devoting” yourself to prayer about something? What was it, and who was with you?

If you didn't know the rest of the story, is it surprising that Peter stands up to be the leader in the group?

If God called you to stand up and become a leader in your Christian circle, would you have any reservations?

DIGGING DEEPER

Look at the qualification for this alternate apostle (vs 21-22). Did they miss anything that should have been on the list?

Let's suppose you were given an opportunity to be part of some Christian organization as leadership, would you have any hesitations to it? Would there be any prerequisites you would need to have for this opportunity to come along?

How can you be more prepared for any opportunities that God sends your way?

TAKING IT HOME

Which point from this weekend's message or small group study is most important for you to remember?

PRAYER REQUEST

