

Power to Witness in Word and Deed

The Book of Acts

Acts 1:12-26

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1. There is a slight overlap between Luke's gospel and his account in Acts. Look at verses 12-14 and Luke 24:51-53. Describe what these believers are doing while they wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

2. How has the way the disciples communicate with Jesus changed since he ascended to heaven? (v. 14a)

3. What three groups are assembled in the upper room?
v. 13

v. 14a

v. 14b ( * Mk. 6:3)

4. What transformation has taken place in Jesus' family members since his death and resurrection? (Mk. 3:21; Jn. 7:5)

5. In the ten-day period between Jesus' ascension and the giving of the Spirit on Pentecost (Acts 2:1), a group gathers of at least 120 believers.
 - a. Who do we see taking a role of leadership right away? (v. 15)

 - b. By what authority does he step into this role? (Mt. 16:15-19; Jn. 21:15-17;  Lk. 22:31)

6. When Peter speaks, he addresses the betrayal of Jesus by Judas Iscariot, a fellow disciple. Though Judas should have been a guide for those seeking the Savior, whom did he guide instead? (v. 16;  Jn. 18:2-3, 12)

*The  symbol indicates verses for further study.

7. The reward Judas is given “for his wickedness” (v. 18) is 30 pieces of silver (Mt. 26:14-15).
 - a. How will this money be spent? (v. 18)
 - b. What is the final, terribly sad chapter of Judas’ life? (vv. 18, 25;  Mt. 27:3-10; Jn. 17:12)
8. Peter quotes from the book of Psalms when he speaks about Judas (v. 20).
 - a. What conclusion does he come to? (vv. 20-22)
 - b. How would he have known this? (Lk. 24:44-45; Acts 1:2)
9. As the disciples seek to find a replacement for Judas, what qualification do they see as most important? (vv. 21-22)
10. More than one person meets the qualification (v. 23) set forth to replace Judas.
 - a. What steps do they take to finalize the decision?(vv. 24-26)
 - b. What does this process reveal about where their trust lies? (vv. 24-26)
11. Look back through this week’s passage and list ways that these believers are becoming a community characterized by dependence on God.
12. How has God knit you into a community of believers and used it to help you grow in dependence on him? Share your story.