

“Acts”

Accompanies the 2/6/22 Sermon

Acts 1:12-26

The thousands that followed Jesus during his earthly ministry had all gone. Now there were just a few that remained. That is how the early church started. With a small number of faithful followers of Jesus, with a vision of spreading His Kingdom, empowered by the Holy Spirit. God can do incredible things through a few people passionately committed to His mission. As we read today about the 120 that gathered in those days, think about what it looks like to be the passionate core. Have you chosen to be a passionate follower or are you hanging on the outside looking in?

GETTING STARTED

Would you consider yourself adventurous?
How do you handle not knowing what the plan is?

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Read the following Scriptures together and then use the questions below (or any you wish to add) to discuss the text and unpack its meaning.



Have someone in your group read **Acts 1:12-26**

- What about today's reading stands out to you?
- What is the context of today's reading?
- Who waited in the room with the Apostles?
 - Do you find any significance regarding who was gathered?
- Why was it important that Judas' replacement had been present during the entirety of Jesus' ministry? *Hint: The apostle's job was to be witnesses to the things they had seen.*

GETTING PRACTICAL

As the early believers gathered and waited there were two key things that took place. First they prayed and second they prepared by replacing Judas.

- 1) What stood out to you about this week's message?
- 2) Through this section of Acts, the Apostles were in prayer often. Why do you think prayer was a main part of their daily lives?
 - a. How might you have prayed if you were there?
 - b. What role does prayer play in the lives of believers today?

We find throughout scripture a theme of serving alongside others:

- Jesus sent out his early disciples in sets of two.
 - Paul often had a companion on his mission trips.
 - Matthias was chosen to replace Judas to be a witness of Jesus.
 - It was important to the early apostles who they served alongside.
- 3) Why does this seem to be such a value of doing kingdom work?
 - 4) Have you been involved in serving alongside others in the past? What was that experience like?

After this week message and group time what do you think God is saying to you?