

The Heart of the Matter

12. How have you seen God move as you have prayed together with other people for a specific outcome?

13. How do you seek God's will in the decisions that you are making in your life? In what ways do you need to seek Him more about a decision you are trying to make right now?

14. After Judas' betrayal of Jesus, Judas lost all hope and chose to destroy himself. What hope has God given you when you find yourself really wrestling with thoughts of despair?

15. Is there anyone you know who is in the process of making a big decision or who is struggling with thoughts of despair? What could you do to help them right now?

Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

The Mark of Discipleship Acts 1:12-26 For the Week of January 10, 2021

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. What was your favorite board game as a child? Was it based on the roll of the die, taking risks, or strategy?

3. What's one of the hardest decisions you ever had to make? How did you make up your mind?

Digging Deeper

4. From verse 12 list the variety of people who made up this first assembly of believers? From Mark 3:20-21, 31-35 and John 7:1-5 how do you account for the change we see in Jesus' family?

5. In verse 14 what does the phrase "in one accord" mean? Why was this not the time to ask "who was the greatest?"

6. In verses 15-16 should Peter be criticized for taking charge of this group? Where did he get his authority? (Matthew 16:18) Why might the disciples question Peter's leadership?

7. The choosing of Judas' replacement among the 12 was the last time casting of lots is recorded in Scripture. Is this a reliable way for the church to make decisions today?

8. From verses 14 and 24 how important should seeking God through His Word and through prayer be for us in making decisions today?

9. What can we learn about the description of Judas' demise in verses 16-20? How can we reconcile the differing account we find about what happened to Judas in this account and Matthew 27:3-10?

10. From verses 21 and 22 what can we learn about the criteria used in the selection of the 12th apostle?

11. What do you think was going through Matthias' mind when the lot fell on him in verse 26? What would you have thought if you were there and the lot fell on you?