

MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES

DISCUSSION GUIDE | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Acts 1. What are some questions you have about this passage?

EXPLORE THE TEXT

1. ACTS 1:12-13 | Where did the disciples go after witnessing Jesus leaving them? Who is present? Any importance to listing their names?
2. ACTS 1:14 | What did they do while they were gathered? Why is this important?
3. ACTS 1:15-22 | What did Peter lead the disciples to do? Why? What happened to Judas? Peter quotes Ps. 69:25 & 109:8. Why? What was the criteria for choosing a '12th' disciple to replace Judas?
4. ACTS 1:23 | Who did they nominate? Who are these two guys?
5. ACTS 1:24-25 | What two things did they do to decide who God had chosen? In vs. 24, what specifically did they pray for? Why? In vs. 25, casting lots was a 'normal way' for deciding God's will. Is that a good way today? Why or why not?

TRUTH TO LIVE BY

Jesus wants YOU to live faithfully as His witness day in and day out.

1. In Community with others

What does it mean to be of 'one accord' (1:14)? What hinders this 'oneness'?

2. By being devoted to prayer: Intimacy with Jesus & Interceding for others

Read Col. 4:2-6. What does it mean practically to be devoted to prayer? Is prayer more a means to 'get from God' or 'communion with God'? Or both? Read Matt. 6:9-13. What is Jesus teaching us about how to pray? Examples?

3. By reading, understanding God's will for you through His Word

Share what your current plan is to read & know God's Word. How's it going? What are some other ways you can learn God's Word... Sunday Class? Podcast?

4. By following Jesus through the promptings & enabling of the Holy Spirit

How did Peter discern the Father's will for them at that time? As a fisherman, the Spirit directed Peter during their time in prayer. Share a time you sensed the Spirit direct/prompt you. How did He do it? What are some other ways the Father has helped you discern His will for you?

Jesus wants YOU to join Him as He still builds HIS Church in 2021.

5. Jesus is building His Church through ordinary people, not superstars

Read Matt. 16:18. What is Jesus doing through your life to build His Church?

6. Jesus is building His Church through supernatural & 'normal' means

How has Jesus done something supernatural in/through you? How has Jesus used an ordinary/normal activity to do His will through you?

Which of the above truths do you need to practice in your life this next week?