

Discussion Questions for Acts 1:12-26

1. Read Acts 1:12-14. When you are waiting for something significant, what do you do in the down time? Why do you think the disciples spent so much time in prayer?
2. Consider the different parts of the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. While thinking about the events that occurred from the time of Jesus' death to the time of Jesus' resurrection to the time of Jesus' ascension, name some specific topics that may have been included in the disciples' prayers in Acts 1:12-14?
3. Read Luke 22:31-32 and consider Peter's failure before Jesus' death and his successes after Jesus' resurrection. Luke 22:54-62 and John 21:15-19 may also be helpful. Think of a time when you had a failure. Did you turn to Jesus in prayer? Did someone else pray for you? What did you learn from the experience? Did you come out a stronger person, or are you still struggling with brokenness from the experience? What could Jesus do to turn your brokenness into strength?
4. Read Acts 1:15-22 and consider how Jesus or the Holy Spirit directed the disciples to these verses in the book of Psalms. Has the Holy Spirit ever directed you to a Bible verse that has given you wisdom regarding a particular need? How did that verse help you?
5. Read Acts 1:21-26. How does the disciples' method of choosing a replacement apostle compare to your church's method of choosing a new pastor or elder? What do you consider the most important criteria for these roles?
6. Consider the role of prayer in your life. How does it follow the model that the apostles gave us in Acts? What changes can you make to be more in tune with the Holy Spirit?