

LEARNING WITH LUKE - ACTS 1:12-26 TIME TO PREPARE P. 1080 ESV PEW BIBLE

Acts 1:12-26 - All these (*eleven apostles*) with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers... one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection." They prayed, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen." And they cast lots...

As Biblical history, Acts is not merely objective history, nor is it necessarily prescriptive of what it describes, nor is it merely descriptive. The main concern is God accomplishing His purposes through the reigning Christ. -AJ Thompson

1- Praying in ONE accord - devoted believers

Acts 1:12-14 - to Jerusalem

Luke 24:50-53 - near Bethany

Luke 22:11-12, John 21:19 - upper room

Luke 3:21, 5:16, 6:12-16, 9:18,28-29, 11:1, 22:32,41, 23:34,46 - Jesus in prayer

Acts 1:24-25, 2:42, 4:23-31, 6:4,6, 11:5, 12:5-17, 13:2-3, 14:23, 16:25, 20:36, 21:5 - disciples

Acts 1:5, Luke 11:13, 24:44-49 - obedient

God's promises do not remove the need for prayer, as it is only His promises which give us the warrant to pray and the confidence that He will hear & answer. Calvin notes two essentials: they persevered, & were of one mind. -JR Stott

2- Gathering with 120 disciples - followers of Jesus

Acts 1:14-17 - men & women

Acts 1:2, Luke 6:12-16, Matt 10:1-7, Mark 3:16-19 - apostles

Luke 8:1-3, 23:49,55, 24:10, Mt 27:55-56,61, 28:1, Mk 15:40-41,47, Jn 19:25, 20:1 - women

Matt 13:55-56, Mark 6:3, Mt 12:46-50, Mk 3:2, Lk 8:20, Jn 7:3,10, Gal 1:19, Jude 1 - family

Luke 23:37, 24:25-27, 44-47 - Scripture must be fulfilled

The apostolic attitude was expectancy, with trusting prayer, persistence, unity, dependence. They acted upon what they believed about the promised Holy Spirit, all looking up to Jesus at the same time for the same thing. -RK Hughes

3- Numbering TWELVE apostles - Jesus' witnesses

Acts 1:15-17 - spoken beforehand

Isa 32:15, 44:3-5, Jer 31:31-34, Joel 2:28-32, Ezek 36:25-27, 37:4-5,14 - Holy Spirit

Luke 6:12-16, 22:30, Matt 19:28, Rev 21:12-14 - twelve apostles

Luke 1:2, Acts 1:21-22, 2:32, 3:15, 4:20, 5:32, 10:39-41,13:30-31, 1Cor 15:1-11 - eyewitnesses

Acts 1:18-20, Matt 27:3-10 - Judas

Mt 26:3-16,20-25,47-50, Mk 14:3-11,17-21, Lk 22:3-6,21-23,47-48, Jn 13:21-30, 18:1-5

Jer 19:1-13, Zech 11:12,13, Psalm 69:25, 109:8 - Judas

Acts 1:21-23, 24-26, Acts 1:2, Luke 6:12-16, Gal1:1,11-16 - chosen by Jesus

Acts 6:1-6, 11:29-30, 13:2, 14:23, 15:22,25 - disciples' decisions

Josh 7:14, 1Sam 10:20-21, 23:6-13, Prov 16:33, Jonah 1:7 - lots

Ex 28:30, Lv 8:8, Nu 27:21, Dt 33:8, 1Sa 14:41, 28:6, Ez 2:63, Neh 7:65 - Urim & Thummin

Like the remaining eleven apostles, the replacement for Judas must have been taught by Jesus, seen the risen Lord Jesus, and must also be personally chosen by the Lord Jesus, to be His authoritative representative. -AJ Thompson

4- Are you ONE with the risen Christ? - unity & action

Eph 2:4-10, Col 2:12, 3:1-3 - one

Phil 1:27, 2:2, Rom 15:4-6, Eph 4:1-16, 1Pet 3:8 - one mind in Christ

Phil 4:4-9 - pray & trust God's truths

Does prayer lack fire and persistence? Do you doubt the Father's generosity or underestimate your need? -DE Johnson

The Spirit of God speaks through the Word of God. In the circumstances of life, the Holy Spirit will never guide us contrary to His written Word. We exercise our minds with sanctified common sense to understand His will. -J Philip

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6-26 **Acts 1:12-26** - acts of Jesus

6-27 **Luke 6:12-16** - pray & act

6-28 **Matt 27:3-10** - Judas' end

6-29 **Psalm 69:1-36** - affliction

6-30 **Acts 6:1-6** - chosen to serve

7-01 **Phil 1:27, 2:2** - one mind

7-02 **Rom 15:4-6** - harmony

The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God

♦ How will I be **transformed**, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey?

ACTS of the
Ascended
Lord Jesus Christ