

THE BOOK OF ACTS

November 11, 2018

Acts 1:13-26

READ

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Matthew 27:3-10

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Reflect on how the mindset of the believers may be different now, verses six weeks earlier, when they were gathered together? What's on their mind? What's their attitude? And what's different about the composition of the group now?
2. What is the significance of the one mindedness (literally, "same mind") of the group?
3. Waiting on the promise from the Father doesn't mean idleness. What are the brethren doing (v. 14)? Where are they doing this (besides the upper room) (Luke 24:53)? Why is this be such an important location for this activity (Luke 19:46)? Are they in violation of Jesus' final instructions to them (v. 4)?
4. What lesson had Peter recently learned, the hard way, concerning prayer (Matthew 26:41)? Why is that important in this context?
5. What part does prayer play in one mindedness? What contribution does it make to unity? Share an example of when you saw this happen.
6. How is it apparent that the brethren are also guided by Scripture during this time (vv. 16, 20)? What does Psalm 1:1-2 contribute?
7. Compare vv. 18-19 with Matthew 27:3-10. What significant elements does Matthew add to Judas's story?

8. What conclusion does Peter come to? Why would this be necessary?

- Matthew 19:28
- Revelation 21:12
- Acts 1:20b

What criteria are used to narrow the field of candidates (vv. 21-22)? What method is used to determine the Lord's choice (v. 26)?

9. Some contend that Peter acted too hastily here (and without guidance from the Holy Spirit). Judas' position is to be filled by Paul. (Did Paul satisfy the prerequisites established by Peter (and the other ten)?) On what basis, according to his own statements, was Paul an apostle?

- Romans 1:1
- 1 Corinthians 15:10
- 1 Timothy 1:1
- 1 Timothy 2:7
- 2 Timothy 1:1
- Galatians 1:1

10. How did Paul see himself in relationship to the other apostles?

- Galatians 1:17
- 2 Corinthians 12:11
- 1 Corinthians 15:9

11. What was the unique aspect of Paul's apostleship?

- Romans 1:5
- Romans 11:13
- Galatians 2:8

PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. I will seek to be of "one mind" this week by . . .

2. I will be given to prayer this week by . . .

3. I will be guided by Scripture this week by . . .