

Acts 1:12-26 – Bible Study

Read:

Acts 1:12-26 (If you are leading, you might like to read the whole of Acts 1 just to refresh yourself on the context).

General question:

What stands out to you from this passage?

Further questions:

Context - Waiting (Look back at Acts 1:4, 8)

1. Are you currently waiting on God for anything? If so, and you feel able to share, what is that?
2. If you are currently waiting, how are in this time of waiting? What emotions do you have?
3. Is there anything that you feel you need to support you in your season of waiting?

From our passage, in their time of waiting, we see the disciples do 3 things...

They Pray together (v12-15)

1. It says (verse 14) that the disciples were “together constantly in prayer”. How do you persevere in prayer when an answer is not quick in coming?
2. The disciples prayed because of the promise of Jesus. Do you have any promises from the Bible that you are holding on to either in this season, or in general?
3. Are there any promises from the Bible that you feel are right to share with others in the group?
4. The disciples prayed together. How can you as a Home Group pray together more? What might this look like?

They turn to the scriptures (v16-20)

1. How has the Bible helped you recently?
2. Peter describes the quotations from the Bible he uses as being spoken by the Holy Spirit (verse 16). Do you believe that all of the Bible is God’s Word? What reasons do you have for your answer?
3. How do you deal with bits in the Bible that you struggle with or find hard?
4. Side question – How do you feel about Judas?

They make a godly decision (v21-26)

1. In making the decision to appoint Matthias, the disciples:
 - Used their knowledge of the scriptures.
 - They thought about it with their minds.
 - They prayed.
 - And, they trusted God (cast lots).Do you think this is a good pattern to follow?
2. What helps you when you are faced with making important decisions?
3. If you feel able to share... Are you facing an important decision at the moment? Can the Home Group support you in anyway?