

Sermon Discussion Questions for Small Groups

Week of October 1

Sermon Titled: "Lessons Learned from Replacing Judas"

Main Points: God cares for His church. He delights in the process of our waiting, delivers His provision for us, demonstrates His providence, and does this all by being present with us.

Open in Prayer. Read Acts 1:12-26.

Discussion Questions

This passage is a bridge from Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-5, 8) to the fulfillment of that promise at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13).

1. Read verses 13-14. What drove the disciples to such intense prayer together? Imagine what it was like in the Upper Room.
2. What attitude and responses do the disciples have in response to Judas' death (Acts 1:16, 22; cf. Psalm 69:25, 109:8)?
3. Read Luke 6:12-16 considering our sermon passage. What do you learn about the process of waiting and decision-making from it?
4. What resources did the young church turn to for the solution of replacing Judas? What resources do we have today for guidance and direction?

Application Questions

1. Discuss why waiting is part of God's plan. Why do you think He delights in our waiting?
2. Recount a time where God provided specifically for something which you waited.
3. What are things for which you are currently waiting? Describe what the process has been like for you.
4. Consider and discuss examples of God's daily provisions for you as you wait.

Prayer Focus: Pray for the strength to wait faithfully on the Lord. Pray for those affected by Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria as they wait for restoration and provision from God as well as how you can help.