

Family Discipleship Resource

Mar 2-8

(Acts 1:15-26)



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

Thank you for saving me! Give me to trust you with everything and bring all things to you in prayer.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Acts 1:15-26)

15 At this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons was there together), and said, 16 "Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. 17 For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry." 18 (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out. 19 And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem; so that in their own language that field was called Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 "For it is written in the book of Psalms

'Let his homestead be made desolate,

And let no one dwell in it';

and,

'Let another man take his office.

21 Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out [d]among us— 22 beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection." 23 So they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two You have chosen 25 to occupy this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." 26 And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

O – Observe what God has said

What does the fate of Judas teach us about merely spending time with Jesus or knowing about him?

How do the apostles decide who to replace Judas with?

W – Work on Application

For those who are already part of the family of God, perhaps the steps taken in this passage ought to have you examine your decision-making process/practice. Are you, am I, is this church, given to bringing everything before the Lord in prayer—trusting that He already knows everything and has the power to do anything, and loves us more than anything so as to guide us in everything? If God is really God—

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omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, omnibenevolent—what should we do first when faced with questions or decisions? Pray.

How might we remind ourselves to pray about everything this week?

Family Weekly Memory Verse: *“And they prayed and said, ‘You, Lord, who knows the hearts of all men, show which one of these two you have chosen.’-Acts 1:25*