

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* Two weeks ago, as we began our study of the book of Acts, we saw how Jesus told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until power came upon them from the Holy Spirit. What would they do "in the mean time?"
- \* Last week, Luke shared with us the foundational truth of the church - the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. He continues by revealing the priority of prayer in the early church. As the church waits, they pray and seek the will of God for their assembly.
- \* As we consider this passage, ask yourself ... how would others describe the priorities and principal activities of Family Bible Church? Are we following a Biblical practice?

**INSTRUCTION ... In this passage, we see the priority of prayer in both ...****I. THE PRINCIPAL FEATURE OF THE EARLY CHURCH (v. 12-14)**

**A. It's Identity ... U** \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. John 17: 11; John 17: 20-23; Acts 2: 41-47)

**B. It's Adhesive ... P** \_\_\_\_\_

1. THE COMPOSITION OF THEIR PRAYER
2. THE PARTICIPANTS OF THEIR PRAYER (cf. 1Corinthians 11:3-16; 14: 34-38; 1 Timothy 2: 8-12)

and ...

**II. THE SELECTION OF JUDAS' SUCCESSOR (v. 15-26)****A. The Need For An Apostle (v. 15-20)**

1. S \_\_\_\_\_ BY PETER (v. 15-19)
2. D \_\_\_\_\_ IN PROPHECY (v. 20; cf. Psalm 69:16-25; 109:1-8)

**B. The Decision-Making Process (v. 21-26)**

1. THEY SOUGHT Q \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 21-23)
  - a. The Qualifications (v. 21-22; Acts 13: 31; 1 John 1: 1-3)
  - b. The Candidates (v. 23)
2. THEY SOUGHT G \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 24-26)
  - a. A T \_\_\_\_\_ of Prayer
    - 1) *THE RECOGNITION OF GOD'S OMNISCIENCE*
    - 2) *THE RECOGNITION OF GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY*
  - b. A T \_\_\_\_\_ of Faith
    - 1) *TO DETERMINE A D \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Leviticus 16:7-10; 1 Samuel 14:38-43; Jonah 1:6-8; Proverbs 16:33)*
    - 2) *TO ELIMINATE A P \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Numbers 26:53-56; Proverbs 18:18; Mark 15:24)*

**INTROSPECTION**

- \* WHAT WOULD BE THE "PRINCIPAL FEATURE" OF Family Bible Church?
- \* HOW FOCUSED ARE YOU ON KEEPING UNITY?
- \* HOW IMPORTANT IS FINDING, AND FOLLOWING, GOD'S WILL TO YOU?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

**INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

- \* How could we improve, as a church, in applying this passage to our assembly?