

# ACTS 1:12-26

## BACKGROUND

In Acts, Luke's great theme is not simply the *history* of the early church, but the history of the *mission* of the early church. His primary goal isn't to give us an exhaustive description of life among believers in this time period. Rather, his primary aim is to show us how the gospel throughout the known world and how it changed lives, families, cities, and peoples.

In last week's passage Jesus told the Apostles in v4, "*Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.*" He also told them in v8, "*... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*"

## PRAY

## PLEASE READ ACTS 1:12-26

**SHARE OBSERVATIONS** (Who? What? When? Where? Repeating words, phrases, & themes?)

## QUESTIONS

1. In last week's passage, Jesus told the apostles to not begin their mission but to wait for the Holy Spirit (v4 and v8). To prepare themselves for this, they prayed together in v13-14. What characterized this time of prayer and in what ways do you think this prepared them?
2. What do the apostles and believers do to prepare for the power of the Holy Spirit in 1:15-26? In what ways do you think this prepared them?
3. How has God been preparing you in the last few months or years for authentically being on mission to your friends, neighbors, and co-workers?
4. How has God been preparing us as a small group for authentically being on mission to each other's friends, neighbors, and co-workers?
5. In what ways can we be praying for each other?
6. How does this passage encourage or challenge you? How can we pray in response to this passage?