Sermon Based Questions

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Acts 1:12-26 - Have you ever had to make a difficult decision? How did you make it? In our text this week, we see the disciples faced the difficult decision of choosing a suitable replacement for Judas. How did they make their decision? What can we learn from their example?

"GET TO KNOW YOU" QUESTIONS

- What was the worst purchase you ever made? How did you make that decision?

READ ACTS 1:12-14

The disciples and other followers of Jesus (120) in total are waiting in the upper room. Luke tells us that they were in **one accord**.

- What was the source of their unity? How can we as a church, small group, or family experience that same unity?
- Are you surprised to see that there are other people in the upper room besides disciples? Why or why not?

READ ACTS 1:15-20

- Peter stands and directs the attention of the group to the scriptures. He assures everyone that what has happened (Judas' betrayal) was all a part of God's plan. How is it helpful to know that nothing surprises God?
- Do you believe that God can speak to you through the scriptures? Have you ever experienced Him doing so?

READ ACTS 1:21-26

- What do you notice about the disciple's prayer?

TAKING ACTION

How do you make decisions? *[discuss your own tendencies]*

- Choose the path of least resistance? (EASE)
- Pursue what feels right? (EMOTION)
- Pursue your own desires? (SELF)
- Look for self-affirming advice?
- Look for signs?

Discuss what it would look like to practically implement the example of the disciples instead?

- Turn to the scriptures (what does God say about this?)
- Apply wisdom
- Pray to God for His will.

After following these steps … you could probably roll the dice if you had to and still come out a winner 😊