

## Acts 1:12-26 Discussion Questions

- Right before his ascension, Jesus told his disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit. What do you make of their response? Why did they need the Spirit before doing anything else?
- What is the difference between actively waiting on God and passively waiting for Him to do something? How can prayer help us obey while we wait?
  - Why is it so important to be in tune with the Lord before doing things for Him?
  - Can you think of a time when prayer led to greater power in your walk with Christ? Or gave you clarity before a big decision?
- Peter interprets Judas's betrayal and death in light of Scripture. What does this teach us about how God can remain sovereign even when events seem tragic, confusing, or outside our control?
- What would it look like for us to let the Bible shape and correct our plans, rather than just searching for biblical support for what we already want to do?
- Wesley distinguished between God's revealed will and His secret (or providential) will. What is the difference between them? Why is this distinction important when making decisions?
  - What things had God revealed to the disciples at this point? What had He left unclear?
  - What can go wrong when we become preoccupied with discovering God's hidden or secret will? Have you ever experienced this tendency?

- What are some areas of life where God has already made his will clear in Scripture, but Christians sometimes hesitate to obey?
- When Scripture doesn't tell us exactly what to do, what principles from God's Word should guide our decisions? (e.g. prayer, wise counsel, our responsibilities, and love for others)
- The disciples put forward two qualified candidates and prayed for God to reveal His choice. What can we learn from their careful deliberation, prayer, and trust in God?
- Are you facing any decisions where there are several legitimate options, with no clear command from the Lord on which to choose? What makes that decision difficult?
- How can we tell the difference between a decision that requires biblical wisdom and counsel, and one where we may just need to make a choice and trust God?
- Reflect on why God is trustworthy. How does His work in the gospel enable us to trust Him with every outcome?