

Potential Discussion Questions

Message: Church on the Move - Bouncing Back When You Feel Beat, pt 2 (1-27-19)

1. Share a time when difficulty, trial, or something you really wanted to get out of proved to be a blessing (a provision of God).
2. In Acts 1, how do you see God leading and confirming His direction for these Jesus-followers? How does this help you when you are seeking God's next steps? What questions does it raise?
3. Why are we so prone to jump in and "do", even to the neglect of the Spirit's power? Is the difference always or easily discernible? Why or why not? If you tend to jump and do before you wait and pray, what are some good steps to keep the balance right?
4. Can you think of times when God has put you in a particular environment or circumstance that has drawn forth memories or heart connections you needed at the time? How can we more proactively look for and benefit from these?
5. Discuss the concept of persevering prayer. Is it easy or difficult for you? Why do you think this is? How have you or do you desire to develop devoted prayer? What is a burden on your heart for which you would like devoted prayer? (If possible, pray for these with/for each other.)
6. Read Psalm 109, the passage from which Peter quotes regarding the selection of another disciple. Judas is not specifically mentioned. What do you see as the connections that would have led him to apply it to Judas? What does it indicate to us about the use of the OT in the NT? (This is a difficult connection in this passage. You might want to look at a commentary or other study tool for some help with this.)
7. What is your response to the selection of Matthias by lots? Have you ever sought direction in a similar fashion? What is good about this? What might be problematic?
8. What other passages in Scripture let us know leadership is important to God? Where do God's views of what's important seem to collide with man's typical approach? For starters, think about Samuel's selection of David as king, or qualifications for elders (see 1 Sam 16; Titus 1; 1 Tim. 3)
9. What would you like to discuss that hasn't already been engaged in this study?
10. What is your best take away from this study?