



# SERMON NOTES

Sunday, October 11, 2020 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

## **“The Importance of Succession of Leadership”**

Acts 1:12-26

1. The pathway of a small group devoted to prayer  
(Acts 1: 12-14)
2. The pathway of a Bible fellowship facing a problem  
(Acts 1: 15-20)

### 3. The need for qualified leadership (Acts 1: 21-26)

## Table Talk

- 1) Who is in this group in the upper room? What were they doing? Do you pray while you wait? Why or why not? Why is unity a key component to prayer—after all, doesn't God get to do what He wants to anyway? (vv. 12-14)
- 2) How do verses 12-14 speak to the importance of small groups as a pathway to maturity in Christ? What else was the small group doing beside praying together (see Luke 24:50-53 for the answer)? What pathway to discipleship does this reveal?
- 3) What kinds of differences existed among the apostles? How can that help us think wisely about our differences today? (v. 13)
- 4) How does Peter point the others to the vital sign of being rooted in Scripture? (vv. 15-16) How many people does Peter teach about this? (v. 15) What pathway to discipleship does this reveal?
- 5) Why did Judas need to be replaced? What had happened to Judas? How do you see the accounts in Acts 1:18-19 and in Matthew 27:1-10 telling different sides to the same story? Do they contradict or not?
- 6) What were the qualifications for taking Judas' place as an apostle? What do you think of the idea of casting lots? Is this a pattern for the church today? What does it mean to have a "share in this ministry" (v. 17) Is it a responsibility or a privilege? What two "places" are referred to in verse 25? How is Judas a warning to all who hold positions in God's work?