



Acts Studies

Acts 1:12-26 - 'It is necessary to choose'

Observation

1. Read Acts 1:12-26 together. What do you notice as you read? What questions do you have?

Interpretation

2. What do we learn about how Peter understood Scripture?

3. Casting lots as a way of discerning God's will was also used in the Old Testament (i.e. Proverbs 16:30, Jonah 1:7, etc.) but this seems to be the last time it was used by the church. Why do you think this is the case?

Application

4. As Christians today, we also see Scripture as being foundational in our knowing how to live as followers of Jesus. As you read a passage of Scripture, what process do you go through to understand how it might apply to your life? Are there any resources that you have found particularly helpful?

5. John Stott in his commentary on Acts highlights that, aside from casting lots, this passage provides a helpful outline for discerning God's will: Scripture, common sense and prayer. Do you agree? How do you seek to discern God's will in your own life?