Acts Bible Study #2

Acts 1:12-26 **The Preparation To Receive The Holy Spirit**

1. Do you want to start a ministry of your own? ( ) yes ( ) no

 Do you want to serve God? ( ) yes ( ) no

1. Those who are preparing the vessel for the Holy Spirit

 Who were they? 1:12

 =apostles

 Where were they? 1:12

 =Mount of Olives

 Why did they return to Jerusalem? 1:12

 =they were instructed

 Where did they stay in Jerusalem? 1:13

 =upper room

 What were the names of the eleven apostles? 1:13

 =Peter, John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus

 and Simon the Zealot and Judas son of James

 What did they do in the upper room? 1:14

 =one same spirit, with one accord

 =They all joined together constantly in prayer

 Who else joined with the apostles in prayer? 1:14

 =along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers

 What human differences and concerns might have been there among them?

 =position, authority, who is higher

 What might have been their single prayer topic?

 =receive the Holy Spirit

 What is a vessel?

 =container

 What is a vessel for the Holy Spirit?

 =clean, not broken

 How were they preparing a vessel for the Holy Spirit?

 =Human mind, minimum two or three people can make vessel.

 =pride, self-glory, stubbornness, my benefit

 =100% of Jesus + 100% of Jesus

 =prayer one spirit through prayer

 How many were there?

 =120 men

1. He who destroys the vessel for the Holy Spirit

 What privilege did Judas have in Jesus’ ministry? 1:17

 =one of the twelves

 Why did he decide to serve as a guide for those who arrested Jesus? 1:17

 =God’s plan

 What reward did he receive to serve the enemies of Jesus?

 =money

 What did he do with the money? 1:18

 =he bought a field

 How long did he enjoy the field he bought? 1:18,19

 =not a single day

 How did people call the field? 1:19

 =Akeldama, field of Blood, abandoned by people

 What damage did his action bring to Jesus’ ministry?

 =Death to Jesus, higher position he was brought bigger damage.

1. He who repairs the broken vessel for the Holy Spirit

 As they were devoting themselves in prayer, what was bothering their spirits?

 =Judas’ betrayal

 Who stood among the believers to resolve this problem? 1:15

 =Peter

 How did Peter see the Judah’s betrayal? 1:16

 =Fulfilled by Scripture

 Based on what Scripture did Peter interpret Judah’s betrayal? 1:20a, Ps. 69:25

 =Ps 69:25 May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it

 Based on what Scripture did Peter want to resolve Judah’s betrayal? 1:20b, Ps.109:8

 =Ps. 109:8 May another take his place of leadership

 What action was necessary to be taken to resolve the problem? 1:21

 =another takes his place of leadership

 What was the qualification of an apostle who would replace Judah’s place? 1:22

 =Eye witness

 Who were the two candidates? 1:23

 =Joseph called Barsabbas and Matthias

 How did they choose among the two? 1:25,26

 =cast lot

 What kind of leadership did Peter have?

 =problem solving

 =He solved a problem through the Scriptures

1. Can they skip the preparation of 1:12-26 to receive the Holy Spirit?

 =no way

 =there is no work of the Holy Spirit

1. What is the first step to have a powerful ministry and to serve God?

 =Spiritual vessel.

 =God uses man’s heart.

 =Holy Spirit comes.