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.