



## Who Comes Next?

Acts 1:12-26

### Welcome to worship with NewDay!

We invite you to stay after the service for a potluck and conversation even if you did not bring anything; there is always enough to share!

*John 13:16-17: Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.*

### Acts 1:12-26 (CEB)

*12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem—a sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter, John, James, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James, Alphaeus' son; Simon the zealot; and Judas, James' son— 14 all were united in their devotion to prayer, along with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.*

*15 During this time, the family of believers was a company of about one hundred twenty persons. Peter stood among them and said, 16 "Brothers and sisters, the scripture that the Holy Spirit announced beforehand through David had to be fulfilled. This was the scripture concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus. 17 This happened even though he was one of us and received a share of this ministry." (18 In fact, he bought a field with the payment he received for his injustice. Falling headfirst, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines spilled out. 19 This became known to everyone living in Jerusalem, so they called that field in their own*

*language Hakeldama, or "Field of Blood.") 20 "It is written in the Psalms scroll,*

*Let his home become deserted and let there be no one living in it [Ps 69:25]; and Give his position of leadership to another [Ps 109:8].*

*21 "Therefore, we must select one of those who have accompanied us during the whole time the Lord Jesus lived among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when Jesus was taken from us. This person must become along with us a witness to his resurrection." 23 So they nominated two: Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.*

*24 They prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's deepest thoughts and desires. Show us clearly which one you have chosen from among these two 25 to take the place of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas turned away to go to his own place." 26 When they cast lots, the lot fell on Matthias. He was added to the eleven apostles.*

### Sermon Reflection Questions

What resonates in you the most, as you consider the beginning of the early church?

What stands out to you as they made changes, and made decisions?

What values do we see the early church prioritizing as they made decisions?

When there are changes in leadership and organizations, what things are the most important in your opinion?

And, when there has been disappointment, betrayal and hurt in an organization, like work or church, how have you seen it processed and handled?

**NOTES:**

If it was not handled or processed well, what do you feel was missing, or needed to be different, honoring to God, and helpful to others?

**Scriptures for reflection this week:**

Jeremiah 1:1-19  
Matthew 20:20-28  
Psalm 133  
Philippians 2  
John 13:1-17

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**Prayer for New Day:**

Lord Jesus, thank you for your Holy Spirit which unites us. Thank you that you have modeled a different way to be, live, and behave than the world shows us. Lord, as we follow you together, help us to be humble, loving, honest and kind, and full of grace towards one another. Help us to listen well, respond thoughtfully, be patient with one another, and grow in trust, forgiveness and honoring each other.

May we use our gifts well, and may we be testifying to your resurrection, and forgiveness. Help others to come to know you, and know the sweet gift of life you give. May our church embody and share this freely with everyone!

In Jesus' name,  
Amen.

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