

**EXPLORER'S BIBLE STUDY**  
**The Acts of the Apostles**  
**Session 2: Matthias Chosen: A Disciple by Lot – Student Notes**  
**ACTS: 1: 12-26**  
Heritage Church, Van Buren, Arkansas  
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**Memory verses:**

All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way;  
And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. **Isaiah 53:6**

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved, you and your household! **Acts 16:31**

**Attribute of God: September 9: God is POWERFUL!**

**September 16: God is \_\_\_\_\_ of all things! – \_\_\_\_\_**

Ice Breaker Question: WHAT IS THE MOST UNEXPECTED THING THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED TO YOU?

**WHAT TO DO WHEN THE UNEXPECTED HAPPENS!**

READ: Acts 1: 10-11

READ Acts 1:12

READ LUKE 24: 51-53

Blessing:

Worship:

Great Joy

Praising

**What do you think their worship and great joy looked like?**

READ Acts 1: 13-15 **What is significant about this list?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_!

**A. The Promises of God Require deliberate \_\_\_\_\_!**  
Matthew 7: 7-8, Matthew 9:38, Luke 11:13, Ezekiel 36:25-26, 37

**B. Three KEYS to Receiving God’s Promises:**

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Corinthians 1:20 (NASB)** <sup>20</sup>For <sup>(A)</sup>as many as are the promises of God, <sup>(B)</sup>in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is <sup>(C)</sup>our Amen to the glory of God through us.

**C. Stand Up!! READ: Acts 1: 15**

2 Timothy 1:7

**D. The Significance of 120**

**2. THINK ABOUT THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD! ...**

**Joshua 1:8** *“Meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful*

READ ACTS 1:16-17

**A. How did Peter know that “Scripture had to be fulfilled”**

GROUP READ: Luke 24: 44-48, esp. vs. 45

**B. NOTE: Judas shared in the ministry with Jesus then betrayed, rejected Him.**

**How is this possible??**

**C. PARENTHESIS ABOUT JUDAS (INTERLUDE)**

ACTS 1: 18-19

**D. FOR IT IS WRITTEN ...**

ACTS 1:20-21

**E. Is this true? Was it necessary to replace Judas? Was it Jesus’ will?**

READ: Matthew 19:28, Ephesians 2:19-20, Revelation 21:14  
Note: The GOVERNMENT OF 12

3. **THEY \_\_\_\_\_ TO GOD’S WORDS BY DOING SOMETHING:**

**A. They chose a new disciple.**

**B. Qualification for Judas’ Replacement ACTS 1: 21-22**

**C. Choosing a Disciple By LOT ACTS 1:23-26**

Leviticus 16:8, Joshua 18:6, Nehemiah 10:34, Nehemiah 11:1, Jonah 1:7, Luke 1,2

**Proverbs 16:33** *The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.*

**Proverbs 18:18** *Casting lots causes contentions to cease, And keeps the mighty apart.*

**D. Was this God’s Will to Choose Matthias By Lot?**

**E. Question 14 from homework: In our day, instead of casting lots, what has God given us to help us make the right decisions? (Read 1 Corinthians 2:12-13)**

**F. SUM IT UP: Discerning God’s Will:**

1. Walk in \_\_\_\_\_
2. Walk in \_\_\_\_\_ with others involved
3. \_\_\_\_\_... asking for God’s promises to be fulfilled and asking for God’s will to be revealed. “Resolve to have no will of your own about the matter whatsoever”  
--George Mueller.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ down the options by God’s Word, the leading of His Spirit, providential circumstances and sanctified common sense ...
5. Put the decision in \_\_\_\_\_
6. “Through all these (above) come to a deliberate judgment according to the best of your ability and knowledge, and if your mind is thus at peace, and continues so after two or three more petitions, **proceed accordingly!**” –George Mueller ...

## **Lesson #3**

### **The Giving of the Holy Spirit**

**At the end of Luke's gospel and again in Acts 1:4, Luke recorded an important command Jesus gave to His disciples – "Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift my Father promised." The time had now come for the giving of that gift....**

**Read Acts 2:1-4**

1. The day for what Jewish holiday had come?

**This holiday, held 50 days after Passover, was a day of thanksgiving for the harvested crops. The Israelites would not work on that day but would worship the Lord and thank Him for providing their food. In what ways and how often do you thank God for providing the things you need?**

2. Where were Jesus' followers?

3. Suddenly, five things happened in the house. Place the events in order by numbering 1-5:

- \_\_\_\_\_ all were filled with the Holy Spirit
- \_\_\_\_\_ they saw what seemed to be tongues of fire
- \_\_\_\_\_ they began to speak in other tongues (languages)
- \_\_\_\_\_ the sound of a violent wind came from heaven
- \_\_\_\_\_ tongues of fire rested on each person

4. According to verse 4, who were filled with the Holy Spirit?

**Throughout the Old Testament, God would send His Spirit to empower certain people (such as Gideon in Judges 6:34) to do something great. Now, God was giving the Holy Spirit to His followers to live inside them every day.**

**Read Acts 2:5-13**

5. Because of the Pentecost holiday, what was different about Jerusalem?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What words were used to describe the Jews?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. What caused those in Jerusalem to gather together in bewilderment?

**Just imagine if in an instant you were able to speak German, Russian, or any other language you had never studied before. God performed a miracle, enabling His people to experience unity with no language barriers. He was also showing His people that His name would be spread to every nation.**

8. How many different nations were mentioned in verses 9-11:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What same message was being declared in all the different languages?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Did the people understand what was happening?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. Some made fun of those filled with the Holy Spirit and accused them of:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. What is a good reply/response to someone who makes fun of your belief and commitment to Jesus?