

Small Group Discussion Guide Acts 1:12–26 — The Power of Pursuing God Together

Purpose: To help the group see that following Jesus was never meant to be done alone, and to practice discerning God’s direction **together** through prayer, Scripture, and community.

1. Welcome & Icebreaker (5–10 minutes)

Opening Question

- When have you asked others for help in making a decision?
 - What made you invite others in?
 - Was it helpful? Why or why not?
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2. Setting the Scene (5 minutes) Read Together: Acts 1:12–26 (You may want to have 2–3 people read different sections.)

Brief Context for the Group

- Jesus has ascended.
 - The disciples are waiting for the Holy Spirit.
 - They don’t rush ahead—they **wait together**, pray together, and seek God’s direction together.
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3. Group Observation (10 minutes) Invite the group to notice what stands out.

Discussion Questions

- What do you notice about how the followers of Jesus are spending their time while they wait?
- What words or phrases stand out to you in verse 14?
- Why do you think unity and constant prayer mattered so much in this moment?

Key Insight to Highlight

- They were **actively waiting with expectancy**, not passively killing time.
- God’s direction was discerned in **community**, not isolation.
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4. Digging Deeper: God’s Direction with Others (15 minutes)

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think God chose to guide this decision (replacing Judas) through the group rather than one person?
2. What does this passage show us about:
 - Mutual discernment?
 - Shared responsibility?
 - Collective wisdom?
3. Judas was *close* to Jesus but not *committed* to Jesus.
 - What's the difference?
 - Why does community matter in keeping us committed?

Key Teaching Point

- Just because we are near truth doesn't mean we are living it.
 - God often protects, guides, and grows us through **others**.
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5. Application: Independence vs. Interdependence (10 minutes)

Discussion Questions

- Where do you tend to default to independence instead of interdependence?
- Do you think independence can become an idol? Why or why not?
- Has past betrayal or disappointment ever made you hesitant to trust others spiritually?
- "To go fast, go alone. To go farther, go together."
- Following Jesus means walking **with Him and with others**.

6. Personal Reflection & Prayer (10 minutes)

- Do you need to make a decision right now?
- Are you at a crossroads, dead end, or season of waiting?
- Ask God to **show His heart** for current situations.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to guide, unify, and speak.