

Acts 1:12-26 | Pastor Steve Wells | 02.26.2023
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“Prayerful Decisions” **Acts 1:12–26**

This morning Pastor Steve’s message focused on **Acts 1:12-26**. We learned that Judas, the betrayer, is now dead and the disciples are now faced with a very important decision. Replacing Judas with another Apostle. We can learn a lot from the disciples in how they handled this first crucial decision to replace Judas - this prayerful decision was not taken lightly. This week we observed “8 Steps in Making A Prayerful Decision”. Do these 8 steps still apply to your life today? Let’s review them.

8 Steps to Making A Prayerful Decision:

1. They DESIRED OBEDIENCE to Christ.
2. They moved in UNITY
3. They were in DEEP & EARNEST PRAYER.
4. They RELIED UPON & ALIGNED WITH God’s Word.
5. They had a SINCERE DESIRE to KNOW & DO God’s Will.
6. They used SPIRITUAL COMMON SENSE – SEEKING GODLY COUNSEL.
7. They PRAYED SOME MORE.
8. They RELIED ON GOD.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week’s message?
2. What do you think about their decision to cast lots at the final step in v26? Discuss.
(note: The casting of lots may be an imperfect way to discern God’s will, but it is much better than the methods many Christians use today – that is, to rely on emotions, to rely on circumstances, or feelings, or carnal desires, and so forth.)
3. Share a recent decision that you made where you followed similar steps.
4. Read **Revelation 21:14** - Who do you think will be listed as the 12 Apostles - Paul or Matthias?
5. How can we pray for you - Are you facing a Big Decision in your life right now?