

SERMON NOTES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

OUTLINE:

TITLE: What to Do while You Wait

TEXT: Acts 1:12-26

- I. The Spokesman (Acts 1:15-17) - Peter
 - A. The Number
 - B. The Need

- II. The Suicide (Acts 1:18-19)
 - A. Remorse
 - B. Repentance

- III. The Scriptures (Acts 1:20)
 - A. Scripture Informed Their Decision
 - B. Scripture Impacted Their Direction

- IV. The Specifications (Acts 1:21-23)
 - A. A Record of Credibility
 - B. A Readiness to Corroborate

- V. The Selection (Acts 1:24-26)
 - A. The Prayer to The Lord
 - B. The Puzzlement of Lots

QUESTIONS:

1. What did you hear?
2. Have you ever found yourself in a place of waiting in life? Things are changing and you know that something is coming, but you are not sure what it is yet or what you are going to do? Are these normally “good” times? What do people normally do during these times?
3. What is the difference between remorse and repentance? Why is the difference so life changing?
4. What is the difference between expressing sorrow - “I’m sorry,” and seeking forgiveness “please forgive me I was wrong?” What difference is there in the impact the two have on relationships?
5. God used men who were prepared by being faithful. How important is it that we stay faithful to God by doing what we can while we feel like we are waiting for Him to show us what is next?
6. How important a role does the Bible play in your everyday life? Do you read the Bible with a heart that is intentionally seeking for guidance in how to live and what to do?
7. How important is obeying the scripture we do know to understanding the scripture that we don’t yet know?
8. How real are your prayers for God’s guidance in your life? Do you really pray about the real decisions of your life? Do you specifically ask for God to specifically answer by giving specific direction?
9. How big a part does the Holy Spirit play in your everyday life? How sensitive are you to His promptings of your conscience? Have you ever sensed in your heart that you should do something, but didn’t and later regretted it?
10. Discuss from this passage some steps in learning and obeying the will of God in your everyday life!