

Acts 1:12-26

I. The Promises of God

- A. “You will be my witnesses” (Mt. 28:19-20)
- B. “I will build my church” (Mt. 16:18; Isa. 66:5; Mal. 3:16-18; 1Ki. 19:18 with Rom. 11:1-4)
- C. The promise of the Holy Spirit
- D. Men and women alike (1Cor. 9:5)

II. The Need for Twelve

- A. What happened to Judas? (Mt. 27:5-8)
- B. Why Twelve?
- C. The ratio (Ex. 18:21-22; Pss. 69:25; 109:8)
- D. Qualifications
- E. Chosen by lot?!

III. Praying and Preparing

- A. Prayer and the life of the church (Acts 4:24; Jas. 1:5)
- B. Preparation (Isa. 54:1-3; also 49:19-21)