

BETHEL SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Acts 1:12-26

STOP AND PRAY

Holy Spirit, open my heart and my mind to Your truth today! Then help me to be a Doer of the Word and not a Hearer only!

- 1) Take some time to think about a few examples of where you've seen God working around you. Perhaps in your own life, in the lives of those around you, in our church. What stops you from joining the work that God is doing?

Read Acts 1:1-14

- 2) Looking back over last week and this week's sermons.
 - a Who wrote Acts?
 - b What other New Testament book is Acts connected to?
 - c What is the main purpose of Acts?
- 3) Directly after seeing Jesus ascend, what did the disciples gather to do?
- 4) We are going to see that God's people gathering to pray is a repeated theme as we study through Acts. Why is prayer such an important part of joining God in His work and helping others to know Jesus?

Read Acts 1:15-20

- 5) Who was responsible for Judas betraying Jesus? Judas? Satan? God? What Scripture passages in the Old Testament does Peter cite to answer this question?

- 6) Can God have a good hand in horrible things? What other Scripture passages might you point to in order to answer this question? (You might start with Acts 2:23, Romans 8:28) How does our answer to this question encourage us to trust in God's plan for this world?

Read Acts 1:21-26

- 7) What is the significance of having 12 apostles? How does the appointment of the 12 apostles draw our eyes off ourselves and onto the marvellous work God is doing?

- 8) What are some areas that God is working that you think you may be called to join Him in? What step of faith will you take this week to join Him? How can your small group members come alongside to support you?

Take time to pray for each other.

Use this prayer as the theme of your prayer time: *"Lord Jesus, thank you for changing my heart to know about Jesus. Thank You for saving us from our sins and allowing us to worship YOU. Help us to help others know you. Put someone in my life who you want me to be your ambassador to help that person see you clearly. Help us to help others see YOU, our Great God."*