Acts 1:12-26

1/17/2021 Sermon Outline

The Unity of the Early Church

1. **Unity of the disciples vv. 12-14**
	1. Focus on the 2nd Coming of Jesus
	2. Obedience v.12
		1. Luke 24:52-53
	3. Identity in Jesus v.13
	4. Praying in One Accord v. 14
2. **The Power of Scripture vv. 15-20**
	1. Peter answers the call as leader v.15
		1. Luke 22:31-32
	2. Directly from the Holy Spirit v.16
	3. The prophetic word of God is true v.20
3. **The example of Judas vv. 16-17**
	1. Chosen by Jesus
		1. John 6:64-71
	2. Carried out ministry in Jesus name
		1. Matthew 10:1-4
	3. Proximity does not = salvation
		1. Acts 1:17
		2. John 7:1-5
4. **The Choosing of Matthias – Unity of the Disciples vv.20-26**
	1. The need for replacement – Focus on the 2nd Coming v.20
	2. The requirements and candidates – Obedience vv.21-22
	3. Casting Lots– Identity in Jesus vv. 24-26
	4. Attitudes of Unity – One Accord

Bottom Line: Unity within the Body of Christ starts with each one of us and is important enough that Jesus prayed for unity in the church, The Church is God’s Plan **A** and there is no Plan B!