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!