

“WITH ONE ACCORD”

Acts 1:12–26

Key Verse: 1:14

1. After the ascension, what do the apostles do, and why (12; see verses 4–5)? Who is mentioned, and who is missing (13; compare verse 25)?
2. What is going on in this upper room (14)? Who besides the apostles is there? What does this expression “with one accord” mean?¹ How and why should we have such unity among us?²
3. What does “devoting themselves to prayer” mean (2:42; 6:2)? Note how Acts repeats the role of prayer in Christian life and community.³ How can we be more devoted to prayer?
4. In this environment, what does Peter do and say, and who does he mention (15–17)? What had happened to Judas Iscariot (18–19)? Why does Peter point out that this fulfilled Scripture (20)? Why do they need to address this issue?
5. Who is qualified to take Judas’ place (21–22), and why? How do they find God’s choice, and what is their goal (23–26)? Why does this need to be done before the Spirit comes?
6. How does this passage help us as a community to be prepared to receive the Spirit?

¹ See also 2:46; 4:24; 5:12; 8:6; 15:25.

² See John 17:11,21–23; Eph.2:14–18; 4:1–6,13.

³ E.g. 1:24; 3:1; 4:24,31; 6:4; 10:2; 12:5,12; 13:3; 14:23; 16:25; 20:36.