

# Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas - Acts 1:12-26

Topics: <u>Authority</u>, <u>Church</u>, <u>Consequences</u>, <u>Deceit</u>, <u>Leadership</u>, <u>Prayer</u>, <u>Teamwork</u>

# **Open It**

- 1. \*When you were growing up, how did you and your friends choose teams for games of kickball, tag, or other such games?
- 2. If you had to serve on a church committee, which one would you choose? Why?
- 3. When you work together with other people, what kind of role suits you best?
- 4. When working with others as part of a team, do you prefer to give orders or follow orders? Why?

## **Explore It**

- 5. Where did the ascension of Jesus take place?  $(\underline{1:12})$
- 6. How did the apostles show that they were following Jesus' orders? (1:12-13)
- 7. How many apostles were still following Christ after His death and resurrection? (1:13)
- 8. Who was present at the meeting of eleven apostles?  $(\underline{1:14})$
- 9. What did the group of eleven apostles do when they got together?  $(\underline{1:14})$
- 10. Who took the leadership among the early Christians? (1:15)
- 11. \*How did Peter take leadership of the early Christians after Jesus' ascension? (1:15-17)
- 12. How did Peter show high regard for the Scriptures? (1:16-17)
- 13. How did Judas betray both Jesus and the other disciples? (1:16-17)
- 14. What happened as a result of Judas's treachery? (1:18-20)
- 15. \*What did Peter propose to do about the vacancy left by Judas? (1:21-22)
- 16. Who was named to replace Judas? (1:23)

- 17. What did the apostles do to select the right candidate to succeed Judas? (1:24-26)
- 18. \*How did the apostles choose Judas's successor? (1:24-26)
- 19. Who was selected to be the twelfth apostle? (1:26)

## Get It

- 20. Recalling that Peter denied Jesus earlier, how do you think the disciples felt about Peter's leadership?
- 21. When have you felt uncomfortable submitting to someone's leadership?
- 22. \*How do you make important decisions in your family?
- 23. \*Why is prayer important in our decision-making process?
- 24. What approach does your church follow in making important decisions?
- 25. How can you support and encourage your church leaders?
- 26. In what way do you need to be more involved or less involved in church ministries?

## **Apply It**

- 27. \*What is one way you can include God in all important decisions you make?
- 28. What can you do in the next few days to show support for your pastor?
- 29. How can you improve your prayer life?