



## The Acts of the Spirit

### Sermon Discussion Questions

#### ACTS 1:12-26 // THE TWELVE

- Recap for your discussion group where we are in this whole big story. What's happened so far? What do you think happens next?
- Before listening to the sermon, how did you think this passage related to the rest of Acts?
- What new connections did you make because of this study?
- Why do you think Luke includes this story in his theological history of the early church?
- Pastor Joey said the key to understanding this story is in the phrase "this ministry and apostleship," in verse 25. What does that phrase mean?
- How does Luke 6:13 and 22:24-30 help us understand "apostolic ministry"?
- Given the understanding that the Apostles were called to call Israel back to God (what Pastor Joey called "redemptive leadership"), why was it so important to Peter that there be Twelve apostles? What did having twelve guys signify?
- Why was it important that the new, twelfth apostle be an eyewitness to Jesus's ministry all the way through to his ascension? Wouldn't intellectual rigor or emotional connection or moral improvement be better qualifications for an apostle? Why or why not?
- How does the movement of Jesus in the early Church fit into the whole big story of God's creation and redemption of the world?
- How are we, Faith Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, being sent with a message? Who are you sent to?
- How will your community practice being sent, together?