

WHAT'S ONE THING YOU ARE GOING TO PRAY ABOUT
BASED ON THE SERMON?

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IN RESPONSE TO HIS WORD, WHAT IS THE NEXT
STEP GOD IS CALLING YOU TO?

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WHO ARE THE PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE MOST
IMPACTED IF YOU APPLIED THIS MESSAGE?

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Sermon Notes

Acts 1:15-26 | February 2nd

Outline

The Way we often Make Decisions:

A biblical Pattern for Decision Making:

Stand on _____

Study the _____

_____ to the _____ of God

Peter immediately turns to Scripture to understand their situation (verses 16-17). When you face decisions, do you typically start with your feelings, others' opinions, or God's Word? What makes turning to Scripture first so challenging?

Peter quotes two Psalms (69:25 and 109:8) in verses 20. How does he apply these ancient texts to their current situation? How can we wisely apply Scripture to our modern situations without misusing it?

Look at the qualifications Peter lists in verses 21-22. Why was it important that the new apostle had been with them 'the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us'? What does this tell us about the importance of experience and preparation in leadership?

In verse 24, they pray, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart.' How should this truth - that God knows hearts better than we do - influence our decision-making process? How might it affect our trust in His sovereignty?

They cast lots in verse 26 after praying. Why do you think they combined prayer with this method of selection? Have you ever had a situation where there were two right answers? What did you do?

The passage ends with Matthias being added to the eleven apostles. We never hear about him again in Scripture. What does this teach us about faithful service that might not be prominently featured?

Looking at the whole passage, the disciples combined Scripture reading, logical thinking, and trusting God's sovereignty. Which of these three elements do you tend to emphasize or neglect in your own decision-making? Why?