

The Stage is Set

Acts 1: 12-26

The BIG Idea: God's invincible plan goes forth by His Spirit working through His people

A. The Characteristics of a New Community (v.12-14)

1. A _____ People

2. A _____ People

3. A _____ People

"Through this gospel, we are freely given a new identity — an identity not based on race, social class, gender, a theological system, or a system of rules and regulations. Rather it is a new and perfect identity based solely on faith in Jesus — an identity that defines every aspect of our lives. We are now forgiven, righteous, adopted, accepted, free, and heirs to everything that belongs to Christ." -Neil H. Williams

4. A _____ People

"No great spiritual awakening has begun anywhere in the world apart from united prayer—Christians persistently praying for revival." -J. Edwin Orr

Col. 4: 3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison...

B. The Appointment of a New Apostle (v.15-26)

John 6: 64 But there are some of you who do not believe. For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.

John 17: 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

Luke 22: 29 and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, 30 that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

I Peter 2: 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation...

Galatians 3: 8 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Proverbs 16: 33 The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord.