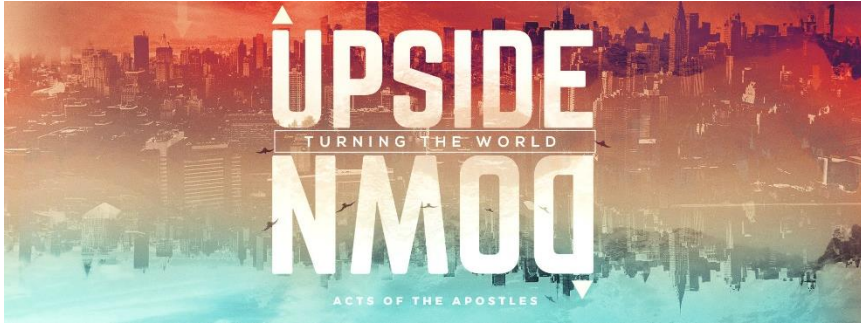




## The Office

Life Group Study, Week of October 24, 2021

### Engage.

Finish this sentence: *“In order to really know me, you would need to understand...”*

### Look at the Book: Acts 1:15-26

If you happened to hear Pastor Jim’s message on Sunday, what stood out to you, if anything? What questions do you have?

What do we learn from Luke 22:1-6 about the background for the events in this week’s scripture passage? Compare Matthew 26:14-16. How does Peter describe Judas’ sin in Acts 1:16?

Why do you think Judas Iscariot did what he did? What kind of person was he? Read John 6:70-71; 12:1-6.

According to verses 16 and 20, what prophecies that *“the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas”* were fulfilled? See Psalm 69:25; 109:8. Compare Psalm 41:9 and 55:12-15.

How did Jesus himself characterize the treachery of Judas in his prayer in John 17:12?

Compare Luke’s description of Judas’ death in Acts 1:18-19 with Matthew’s in Matthew 27:3-10. Do you think these accounts are contradictory, or complementary? Why?

What lessons can we draw from the fact that Jesus chose Judas (Mark 3:13-19), that he was one of the Twelve, and therefore with him from the beginning of his public ministry until his arrest, and yet in the final analysis Judas sold Jesus out?

What necessity for the church did Judas’ absence create, according to Peter (Acts 1:21-22)?

Why did there need to be twelve? See Matthew 19:28; Luke 22:28-30.

What qualifications did the new apostle need to meet?

Follow their sequential process of selection step-by-step from 1:21-26. What interests you? Concerns you? Inspires you? Compare Proverbs 16:33. What lessons from their process, if any, do you think ought to inform the selection of leaders in the church today?

### Memorize

*<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*