

## Lesson Two: Preparation

### **Commission** (*read verses 1:1-11*)

1. What was apparently the purpose of the forty days Jesus spent with His apostles after the Resurrection (1:2-5)?
2. Consider what Jesus said to the apostles when they asked whether His reign in power was about to begin (1:6-8). Why wasn't it important for them to know precisely when Jesus would finish bringing God's reign to earth?
3. Why was it necessary for Jesus to stop giving direct instructions to his apostles and ascend to be with His Father (Acts 1:9 and John 16:5-15)?
4. What conviction was going to sustain the apostles as they fulfilled their mission while Jesus was physically absent (1:11)? Why would this have been encouraging?

### **A twelfth witness chosen** (*read verses 1:12-26*)

5. How did Peter describe the chief function of an apostle (1:22)? What were to be the qualifications of such a person (1:21-22)?
6. What role did prayer have among the believers (see 1:14, 24-25)? How is and isn't this a model for us today?
7. If Acts tells how the church began to fulfill its mission through the Holy Spirit, how does 1:1-26 relate to this theme?

