

Sermon-based Discussion Questions

“Choosing Leaders” from 9/20/2020

Acts 1:12-26

SPOILER ALERT: *You may not want to read these until
AFTER you have heard the sermon.*

1. Are you the kind of person who prefers to lead or follow? Share about a time when you or someone you know was chosen to lead. How was the leader chosen? Why do you think that this particular leader was chosen at the time?
2. Read Acts 1:12-26. When it comes to choosing leaders, what do you think we might learn from Judas Iscariot?
3. Discuss the practice of casting lots (do a web search if you need to). Why do you think that the believers decided to choose Matthias this way?
4. Rather than casting lots, share your own strategies for choosing leaders? What parts of God’s Word might give us some direction here? (e.g. Acts 1:24, Proverbs 15:22)
5. Read John 7:5 and the last few words of Acts 1:14. Why do you think it may have been difficult for Jesus’ brothers to believe in Him at first? What kinds of things may have made it difficult for you, or for someone you know, to believe in Jesus at first?
6. Why is it encouraging to know that we can continue to follow Jesus despite all of the other leadership changes around us?
7. Would you agree that voting can sometimes divide believers from one another? If so, how might we guard against this?
8. Pray together for the leaders that our church will choose at our upcoming Congregational Meeting on October 25. How can we pray for one another this week?