



In Acts 1:12-26 we journey between the mountaintop experiences of the Ascension and Pentecost to learn valuable lessons in the valley of ordinary life. The simple practices of obedience, being with other believers, waiting on God, and prayer are hallmarks of the Christian life. While we will discover how it came to be that “Again, There Were Twelve,” we will also see what we might glean spiritually and practically from these early disciples. I would like to shape our study with three hallmarks we see in these early believers as we find them: *United in Prayer, Rooted in Scripture, and Guarding the Church’s Witness.*

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what ways was the early church united in prayer?
2. Matt emphasized the importance of obedience in the life of the disciples. Is there a small area of your life where you are not walking in obedience? Do you have any habits that hinder unity in the body of Christ? Is your life a prayerful life?
3. How were the disciples rooted in scripture? Now consider our own context. Do we allow Scripture to diagnose our needs and do we search them for the solutions – or do we avoid the wisdom of God and prefer our own?
4. How were the apostles set on guarding the church’s witness?
5. What spiritual lessons have you learned in the valley of ordinary life?

**PRAY:** Pray that we would be a people united in prayer, rooted in scripture, and a people that would guard the church’s witness. Pray for our elder candidates and their families, that God would use these men alongside our current elders to humbly shepherd our church. Pray that the Lord would keep us fixed on Him and that we would be a people of one heart and one mind.