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Study Questions
The Unstoppable Church
Getting the Right People on the Bus
Acts 1:12-26
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Opening Discussion

1. If you were starting a business today, what kind of people would you hire? List the top three qualities you would look for in these people regardless of the type of business.
2. List the top three qualities that would certainly disqualify a person from being hired for your company.
3. If you were starting a religious movement to change the world, who would you want on that team?

Would the top three qualities from question 1 be your same three qualities for someone recruited to change the world? Why or why not?

4. Jesus has called you to be part of His Church with a mission to change the world. How would you rate yourself on the three qualities listed in questions 1 and 3?

Bible Study

1. Review Acts 1:1-11. What is the mission of The Church?

What is the key to accomplishing the mission?

2. What do you know about the Apostles listed in Acts 1:13?

Why do you suppose Jesus chose these men to lead His movement?

3. Who else is listed in Acts 1:14? What do we know about the cultural view of women in the first century?

What do we know about Jesus' brothers (see Mark 3:21-35)?

4. What is this group of followers of Jesus doing while they wait for the Spirit of Jesus to come?

How does this line up with what Jesus told them in Acts 1:5, 8 (Compare Jesus' words in John 15:5)?

What would be the first qualification for being part of Jesus' team to change the world?

How would this quality manifest itself on a daily basis?

5. In Acts 1:15-20, 25 Judas is presented as an antithesis to the faithful. What is the point Peter is trying to make concerning Judas?

Why does he quote Old Testament Scripture?

Why does he record such gory details about Judas' death?

6. What were the requirements for choosing a new Apostle according to Acts 1:21-26?

Why was this important?

7. When choosing a replacement for Judas, the Apostles came together and applied Scripture, used common sense and prayerfully sought God's leading. Was the casting of lots a shortcut to determining God's will (see Proverbs 16:33)? Why or why not?

What does this teach us about key decisions we must make?

What do we have today that these believers didn't have in Acts 1 that makes the casting of lots unnecessary?

Application

1. Create a profile for the type of person Jesus can use to change the world. What are the top three qualifications?
2. What would we look for in a person's life to measure if these qualifications are present?
3. How are you doing in the area of these qualifications?

Is there a particular area you need to work on?

How might you go about growing in these areas?