

FINAL PREPARATIONS

ACTS 1:9-26

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND—This is the last mention of Mary and Matthias.

JESUS GOES HOME TO HEAVEN. His ascension proves once again that He is God. (Acts 1:9-11, fn 1:9, fn 1:9-11, I Thessalonians 5:1, 2, fn 5:1-3, II Peter 3:10-14, fn 3:14) *How can your life be kept blameless and at peace with God?*

DISCIPLES MEET TOGETHER AND PRAY. “Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge to Satan.” John Bunyan, Pilgrim’s Progress. (Acts 1:12-14, fn 1:12, 13, fn 1:14, Colossians 4:2, fn 4:2, Luke 18:1, fn 18:1) *If you had been one of the “120,” what would you have prayed?*

PETER ASSUMES LEADERSHIP. Matthias is chosen. The Holy Spirit (John 20:22) had been given by Jesus to the disciples opening their minds to understand the Scriptures. (Luke 24:45, Acts 1:15-26, fn 1:15-26, fn 1:21-25, fn 1:26) *How do you know when you are to take a role of leadership?*

Pray for one another’s needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?