

Unleashed: The Complexities of the Unexpected

(Acts 1:12-26)

Main Idea: Call ASAP when complexities invade your life

Discuss

1. What insight, observation, or principal from this sermon did you find to be most helpful, insightful or troubling? Explain ...
2. **ASSESS** the situation when complexities invade your life (v21-23)
 - By replacing Judas, the disciples are creating an environment that lines up with the Word they received from Jesus (Matthew 19:28). Why do you think this was their first act as a “church”?
 - There are a great number of things that we cannot and should not control. The Disciples were doing what was in their power to do to set themselves up for success. When we are in seasons of upheaval, what is in our power to do? How can knowing what you are supposed to do when complexities invade your life help you when it actually happens?
 - When you assess your life what criteria do you use?
3. Examine the **SCRIPTURES** when complexities invade your life (v15-20)
 - Judas had spent a significant amount of time with these people. He was their companion and part of their ministry. What are your thoughts on the scripture that the disciples use to explain Judas’ betrayal? (Psalm 41:9, Psalm 69:25)
 - Is there a verse of scripture that you are currently relying on for guidance and support?
 - How much time are you spending in the Word? Does this change when life gets hard? How can spending time in the Word when times are good support you when times are tough?
4. Get with the **ACCORD (assembly)** when complexities invade your life (v12-14)
 - Jesus’s followers were going through a season of change in their walk with Christ, but they did receive specific instruction ... “Do not leave Jerusalem.” How did they handle being told to wait? How do you react during seasons of waiting?
 - When you are stressed or confused, where does your support and advice come from? Are you surrounding yourself with others who are following Christ? What specifically does this look like in your life?
 - How does spending time in assembly with others believers impact you? Why do you think it is so important for believers to spend time together? Does this change when complexities invade your life?
5. **PRAY** when complexities invade your life (v14, 24-26)
 - Prayer should be the hallmark of a relationship with Christ. Turn to your neighbor, ask them how you can pray for them, join hands, and pray.
 - When you pray, how do you address God? Does this change in times of trouble? Do you think it makes a difference?

Live it Out

- If you are currently in a season of rest or waiting, reach out to people and pray for them. If you are in a season of upheaval, don’t let fear stop you from requesting prayer from others.
- Allow God to assess and adjust your life to create an environment that He can work through. Ask Him to show you areas that are not lined up with His Word and His design for your life.