

First Things First (cont'd)

Acts 1:14-26

Introduction:

A commission has been given.
A message commanded.
The means of the Holy Spirit.
An identity of a kingdom people.
With the scope of the entire world.
In anticipation of the return.
A basis of authority.
They are committed to prayer.

But the 12 must be restored after Judas.

- There must be final authority.
- And Ps. 109 prophesied a replacement.

Three classic qualities frame this first chosen leader.

1. An eyewitness: Doctrinal unity based on revelation.
Note: How about the apostle Paul?
2. Morally faithful.
3. Persevering: He was faithful for a long time.
4. Then he is raised up by God.

Conclusion: Things are now in place.