

Spring Semester 2018 – The Lord Choses You – Read Acts 1:12-26

*Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."*

Dear Friends & Family of True North,

After our Lord's Ascension, there's the interesting account of how the disciples filled Judas' position. They cast lots between Matthias and Joseph and the lot fell to Matthias. He was added to the group as one of the apostles.

These men then would go out and proclaim the gospel. Today, we don't have to cast lots. As part of the royal priesthood, all of us are given the task to point others to our Savior. Notice how the work which began there in Jerusalem has spread throughout the world because of the retelling of our Savior's death and resurrection. In the spreading of that message there was someone who took the time to tell you about Jesus. For many of us, it was our parents who brought us to a baptismal font and then instructed us from little on. For others, it was a friend or pastor who took the time to tell us about our problem of sin and God's solution of a Savior. The Holy Spirit chose Matthias for special work in his kingdom. He's also chosen you. You may not be a pastor or a teacher in one of our Christian Day Schools or High Schools, but the Lord has chosen you to be a proclaimer of his gospel message in the various vocations you fill.

Where does that often start? It starts by seeing the people you interact with on a regular basis. It can happen as you serve your home congregation through the skill set that he has given you. It can happen as you serve this campus ministry. The Lord gives all of us gifts that we can use to point to him. If you don't know, the best advice is to try. Invite a friend to our weekly Bible Study or event. Invite a friend to one of our worship services. If they come, explain to them various parts of the service. If you're looking for a good start with how to tell them about Jesus in your free time, a good resource to recite or retell is a favorite Bible passage explaining how Jesus came to save or use the Apostles' Creed as a summary. As the Lord chose Matthias for service, he also chose you. He's made you a part of his kingdom. He's included you with the Great Commission. May he help you see the opportunities to be a witness this week. God bless!

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