

New Hope Small Group and Family Worship 10/11/26

1. **Scripture reading** (Consider reading aloud): Hebrews 4:12, Matthew 10:16, Colossians 2:8-9
2. **Prayer** - I recommend taking a couple of minutes to pray. If you are with family or in a small group you may want to take turns praying out loud.
3. **Worship playlist** – Consider singing along with our YouTube worship playlist: [October 11 Worship - YouTube](#)
4. **Video message**: Watch the video message on the YouTube playlist. Here is a direct link: [Acts 1:15-26 - Discerning God's Will](#)
5. **Final song**: Watch the last song on the playlist.
6. **Discussion questions**: If you are watching alone, please consider calling someone this week to discuss your answers. If you are not sure who to call, please text me (Ben 814-880-3049) and we will help you connect with someone. (Acts 1:15-26)
 - a. In what ways does Peter seem different than in the gospels?
 - b. What are the spiritual strongholds of evil affecting your community? What might it look like for the gates of hell to come crashing down?
 - c. How might you respond to the idea that only men are to be in ministry? How might you respond to the idea that women are not supposed to be pastors? Why?
 - d. How might verse 16 support the authority of scripture?
 - e. How might you respond to someone who says, “I only believe the words of Jesus”? What questions might you ask this person?
 - f. What does Judas’ choice to betray Jesus teach us about being chosen yet not being part of the kingdom? What is your understanding of God’s sovereignty related to salvation and human will?
 - g. What were the criteria the 11 apostles used to select a replacement for Judas? How might this criteria preclude the idea of modern, scripture writing, apostles?
 - h. Why might it be beneficial to avoid the use of the word apostle for modern church administrators?
 - i. Should we cast lots to discern the will of God? Why?
 - j. When were lots used in the Old Testament? How might the use of lots in the Old Testament protect people from the charge of partiality?
 - k. How is the church to make decisions? What does Philippians 1:9-11, Romans 12:1-2, and John 10:27 teach us about discernment?

Close in prayer

Helpful Information:

- We would love to have you **get more involved** in our faith community. If you would like to receive weekly emails about upcoming events please contact Pastor Ben at benorshannon@gmail.com and we will add you to our list.

- Another way to get more connected is by clicking the like and subscribe link below one of our videos. You will then receive notifications when new content is posted.
- If you are interested in getting involved in a small group Bible study, please text Ben (814-880-3049).

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