

Preparing for Pentecost: Waiting for God to Work Acts 1:12-26

Do you enjoy waiting?

Is waiting entirely passive?

What did the early church do while they were waiting for God's Spirit?

Obedying God while we Actively Wait on the Lord (v 12-14)

They returned to Jerusalem and waited for the promise of the Spirit.

Luke 24:46-49; Acts 1:4-5.

They obeyed. Obedience is never a small thing.

Upper room. Where was it?

Active Waiting

The List of 12 Apostle's is only 11. v 13

They Prayed while they Waited. v 14

1) Devoted themselves to prayer. (Luke 24:50-53)

2) They prayed with one accord, with one mind.

When we are not in one accord.

The focus is the mission.

What are our prayer meetings like?

AT Pierson, "There has never been a revival in any country that has not begun in united prayer."

Something is Missing (Peter's proposal) v 15-26

Peter was meditating on the imprecatory Psalms.

He quotes from Psalm 69:25, and Psalm 109:8.

These psalms apply to Judas as an enemy of God and his people.

Why is 120 disciples mentioned?

Lukes comment v 18-19

Did Judas hang himself? (Matthew)

Did he fall headlong? (Luke)

Qualification for an Apostle

What is an apostle? What are three qualifications for the Apostolic office?

Are there other apostles?

2 Candidates - Most likely the only two that qualified.

The election

1) They Searched the Scriptures

2) Common Sense (Qualifications/ gifts)

3) Prayer

4) Casting lots (Leviticus 16:8-10; Numbers 26:55-56; Proverbs 16:33; Luke 1:8-9)

Lessons

How do we prepare for Pentecost? (Luke 11:13)

Active waiting

Be of One Mind

Pray, urgently, persistently

Remember Judas