

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Acts: The Church. Established. Empowered. Expanding
Acts 1:12-26 - Seeking God in the Waiting - 09.15.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Acts 1:12-26 shows what the disciples spend their time doing as they wait for the Lord to fulfill His promise that is coming.
Have you gone through a season of life where you were waiting for the Lord in some way? What did you do while “waiting”?
As you consider Acts 1:12-26, how does your response at that time compare to the apostles’ & other disciples’ response?
What did you learn about the Lord (and about yourself) in that season of waiting on Him?
Next time you face a season of waiting, how can what’s recorded in Acts 1:12-26 to help you respond even better?
3. Read Acts 1:13-14 - how are the apostles & other disciples described and what did they do when they returned to Jerusalem?
I spent some time on the fact that that Mary, the mother of Jesus, and His brothers, were among those gathered together.
How is this reality helpful in bringing clarity as to the validity of Jesus’ claims and the need for ALL to come to Him?
What can we take away from this as far as how we ought to function as Christ’s followers today?
What does it mean to be of “one accord” and how do we actually live that out?
What does it look like to be devoted to prayer in our lives (collectively and individually)?
Are there steps the Lord is calling you to take now to more faithfully devote yourself to prayer & pursue unity?
Are you willing to take those necessary steps of obedience? How can you ensure that you will do so?
4. We see the apostles casting lots to seek the Lord in order to replace Judas as an apostle and witness; He leads them to Matthias.
Historical records reveal that Matthias was a faithful witness who gave his life in service to Jesus, even unto the point of death.
How is this a specific call to Matthias as an apostle, but also a general call to all who follow Jesus & how are we living this out?
6. Below are the “Today’s Takeaways” from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
AFTER JESUS ASCENDS IN GLORY:
The apostles obey Him by returning & waiting!
Obeying our Lord’s commands is always first!
While waiting, His followers are devoted to prayer
We’re active while we wait - devoted to prayer!
His followers are united in resolve & purpose!
We remain committed to our common purpose!
They seek God’s will in accordance with His Word!
We must seek God’s will in His Word - not ours!