

“Wait and Pray”

- Starting a new series, Blueprint
 - Last week= End of the Story
 - Revelation, jumped from resurrection to Revelation
 - A lot in between
 - Gonna cover some of it in this summer series
 - Word is our Blueprint
 - Disciples/Church in book of Acts
- Last Week=The End of the Story

Tension: Go-not stay (Great Commission: All of the gospels and here in Acts 1), but we need to ‘wait’ and in that waiting we are called to be active through prayer. What are we waiting on? What are we praying for?

Acts 1:1-3

- Appearances
 - 1 Corinthians 15: 3-8
 - Post Resurrection appearance, per Paul:
 - Jesus appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.
 - After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time
 - Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles
 - Jesus appeared to me also (Paul) - road to Damascus
 - Convincing proofs: also know he shared a meal on the beach with his Disciples; appeared to the women; appeared to two men on the Road to Emmaus...
 - Kingdom of God
 - 1 of 3 main things that Jesus was about (Healing, Deliverance)

Acts 1:4-5

- Wait!!
 - Many times it says in Scripture to Wait, Be still , etc.
 - Also says Go and I’m a go guy!
 - Perception that ‘Waiting’ is a passive waste of Time
 - Reality - period of waiting can be like an incubator, in which we grow and are ready to ‘hatch’...
 - On Spirit
 - That important

Acts 1:6-8

- Misperception: the Messiah / Kingdom is still about power over people
 - Reality: Messiah / Kingdom is about power, but it's about power over sin and death, injustice, oppression in whatever form it presents itself
- Power= Dunamis!!!

Acts 1:9-11

- Two men= Angels?, like the tomb
- Like the tomb "He is not here", GO, do what he said which was to "wait on the Holy Spirit"

Acts 1:12-14

- Prayer
 - Constantly
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:17 "pray without ceasing"
 - Other translations (manuscripts) add petition
 - I like petition!
 - Together
 - Women
 - Some manuscripts say 'their wives' for "women"

Acts 1:15-26

- Prayed
- Cast Lots
 - My kind of decision making= Pray and Flip a coin! haha
 - Not Gambling
 - God's in the process
- Apostolic ministry

Response

- Call
 - Wait on Holy Spirit
 - Pray!!!!!! Petition
 - Ministry
 - Lord's work
 - To himself