

Study It

How did Jesus use his 40 days with the apostles after His resurrection (1:3-8)?

What two commands did Jesus give them (1:4)?

What promise were they given (1:4,5,8)?

What is God's plan for his disciples and the church (1:8)?

After speaking to the apostles, where did Jesus go (1:9; John 13:1-4)?

What did the apostles do in obedience to Jesus' commands (1:12-14)?

Get It

What hindered or distracted the apostles? What occupied their thoughts other than the great commission (1:6,10)? What preoccupations keep us from obedience?

Why was it essential for the disciples to wait (1:4) before going (1:8)? What does this teach us about our participation in the great commission?

What is our Jerusalem and Samaria? What remains to be accomplished in bring the gospel to the ends of the earth? See the Joshua Project (<https://joshuaproject.net/>) for an update.

What might we learn from this prayer gathering?

What should bring us together to pray with urgency and persistence?

Live It

What would God have you give forty days to pray for?

Who will you ask to join you in prayer for forty days?

Draw the Circle: The 40 Day Prayer Challenge

Waiting in Prayer

Acts 1:3-14

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Sermon Proposition

Why should you learn to wait in prayer?

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Discussion Guide

"Waiting in Prayer"

Acts 1:3-14

After his suffering, [Jesus] presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." ¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Acts 1:1–14 (NIV)

Action Steps

Drawing a Circle for Prayer

Forming a Prayer Cord

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Open It

When you think of a man or woman of prayer, who comes to mind? Why?