

sermon notes

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January 19, 2025 | “While Waiting” | **Acts 1:12–26**

Exposition:

While waiting for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit...

- 1) The disciples _____ and _____
(1:12–14)

- 2) The disciples _____ and _____ Scripture
(1:15–22)

- 3) The disciples _____ their _____
(1:23–26)

Application:

- 1) When you’re not sure what to do next, it’s time to _____

- 2) If you’re serious about Scripture, get serious about _____

- 3) Personal betrayal is not an excuse for _____ or _____

- 4) Important decisions require both prayerful _____ and
faith-filled _____

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Acts 1:12–26. What were the disciples waiting for in Jerusalem? What did they do while waiting? One of the hardest lessons we have to learn as Christians is how to wait on God. How does this passage inform us about the discipline of waiting? What can we do while we wait? What shouldn’t we do?

Luke reminds his readers about Judas in Acts 1:16–20. Why is Judas in the Bible? What lessons can we learn from his life? What lessons can we learn from how Jesus and the other disciples responded to Judas’s betrayal?

Why does Peter take such a prominent role within this group? Didn’t he just deny the Lord Jesus a few weeks before this? Hasn’t he disqualified himself for leadership in ministry? What constitutes disqualification for leadership?

GET PERSONAL

What are some of the benefits of corporate prayer gatherings? Share some significant answers to corporate prayer in your life and in the life of your church. Is prayer more about bending God’s will to our will or bending our will to God’s?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Why is it important to apply Scripture? What happens if we read it, understand it, interpret it correctly, but don’t practice it?

Why do we need both prayerful discernment and faith-filled action? What happens when we have prayerful discernment but no faith-filled action? What happens when we have faith-filled action but no prayerful discernment?

ADVANCED QUESTION

What should we make of casting lots in the Bible? Where does this show up in the OT and NT (see the following passages among others: Exod 28:30; Lev 16:8–10; Num 26:55; Josh 18:10; Ps 22:18; Prov 16:33; 18:18; 1 Sam 14:41–42; Jon 1:7)? Is this practice prescriptive or descriptive for us today?

Read the two OT passages that Peter quotes in Acts 1: Psalm 69:25 and Psalm 109:8. Now assess Peter’s interpretation and application of these OT texts. Does Peter use a historical grammatical hermeneutic in his interpretation of these passages? Does Peter have an “apostolic privilege” to interpret these passages differently than we would?