

## 'Waiting'

From the series:: Acts... 30 Years that Changed the World – 2/17/13

### BIG IDEA

Waiting is never easy, but waiting is a reality of life, especially as it relates to life with God. How does one live between what God has promised and/or initiated and the fulfillment of that promise? Is it possible to grow and mature while living in the 'in-between' and 'not-yet'? As we consider the example of the first followers of Jesus in [Acts 1](#), they were in a season of waiting for the promise of God in the sending of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit actually coming. Here are four key principles we learn from them while they waited:

1. They loved Jesus (as seen by their obedience)...
2. They prayed like it was the most important thing they could do...
3. They did not allow their past failures to hinder their present or future calling...
4. They trusted in the sovereignty of God...

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"The condition of the church may be very accurately gauged by its prayer meetings. If God be near a church, it must pray. And if He not be there, one of the first tokens of His absence will be a slothfulness in prayer." **Charles Spurgeon**

If God be near our Community, we must be a community that is calling out to God in prayer. Scripture makes clear that as we do that, there will be great unity (read Acts 1:14). Rather than spending a lot of time talking about prayer, and the things that often distract us from prayer, take time in your Community Group to actually pray for one another. Before praying, please consider briefly sharing the following things:

1. What season of life are you in right now – meaning, are you in a season of waiting, etc.?
2. What would be two things that your Community Group could be praying for you about?

If I am fully confident that God can and will unite hearts together that are all looking up to heaven at the same time for the same thing. Enjoy an extended time of prayer together and allow this time of prayer to spill over into how you will be praying for each other throughout this week.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This Sunday** – Join us this Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> as we continue our series in Acts. Next up: And then the Spirit came...
- **Beginnings Brunch** – this Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM, the GENESIS Connections Team will be hosting a brunch for all the new (or newer) people to GENESIS over the past month. If you've brought a friend to GENESIS recently, please invite them to join you this coming Sunday for the beginnings brunch so they can learn more about GENESIS and how to connect within the community.
- **Student Ministries** – Help spread the word about Student Ministries at GENESIS. High School Students will gather on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday and Middle School Students will gather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday's. If you'd like to get involved with Student Ministries, visit the GENESIS website to learn how... [www.genesisjourney.com/serve/students](http://www.genesisjourney.com/serve/students)