



We A series on Acts
Church
as it was
designed
to be

part 1
'We Wait'
Acts 1:6-14

FAMILY FAITH TALK

The Family Faith Talk is designed to help bring what was learned in worship home with you. Take some time during the week around your kitchen table to work through the following devotion to dig deeper as a family into God's Word.

Discussion Points:

1. What is a witness? How are we as Christians, a witness to Christ?
2. Read Acts 1:6-14.
3. By the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us, we as the Body of Christ, can be His witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth. Read vs.8. Where is your Jerusalem and Judea? Where has God called you to be His witnesses?
4. Judging from the disciples question in Acts 1:6 what was of more importance to them - God's kingdom or their position in it?
5. What thoughts do you think would have been going through the disciples mind during the incident of Acts 1:9-11?
6. Have you ever felt like Jesus has left you "high and dry"?
7. What was the condition of the disciples as they waited for the "Promise of the father"? See Acts 1:14.
8. How can we "wait on God" today?
9. How does waiting fit in our life and church ministry? Is the act of waiting and praying still faithful, even though we've been given the power of the Holy Spirit?
10. If Jesus is leading the way, are we following? Are we still taking the good news to Jerusalem (our neighbors), Samaria (cultural outsiders), and to the ends of the earth?

Prayer:

O Lord God, Your call for me to be a witness is clear. Help my unbelief and resistance to doing and waiting for Your good and perfect will to work itself out around me. Send Your Spirit to blow its refreshing through me and into the lives of those You have placed in my path so we, as a church, might become more effective witnesses. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WE: "We Wait"

Acts 1:6-14

I. Intro: We the people

II. The Book of Acts leads us to see the _____ of _____

it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught. (Luke 1:3-4 ESV)

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8 NIV)

III. Joining Jesus on His mission ...

A. ... begins on our _____

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2:1, 3-4 NIV)

B. ... is about _____ life

C. ... leans into the Holy Spirit, _____ on His perfect _____

We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you. (Psalm 33:20-22 NIV)

D. ... stretches us toward a bigger, _____ purpose

"Do not tremble; do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim my purposes for you long ago? You are my witnesses—is there any other God? No! There is no other Rock—not one!" (Isaiah 44:8 NLT)