

Sermon Notes

How We Wait

Acts 1: 12-26 (pew Bible pg. 909)

The Prophet Isaiah proclaims, “they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)

Here’s the problem: we don’t like to wait! Yet that is exactly what Jesus commanded his disciples to do. “*And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father...*” (Acts 1:4)

Some of what we see in the book of Acts is unique to that historical context and stage of redemptive history. But there are characteristics and principles that are relevant and applicable to believers at any time and for all time. They are relevant because we too are in a period of waiting. We are in that period of time in church history between the first coming of Jesus and his promised triumphant return. How are we to wait? What should we be doing while we wait? We find the answers in the Book of Acts. Today, as we see these followers of Christ in the upper room waiting on Pentecost, we see what ‘waiting on the Lord’ should look like in our lives.

While we wait, we wait together (Acts 1:12-14)

While we wait, we pray together (Acts 1: 14-15)

While we wait, we stay in the Word (Acts 1: 16-20)

While we wait, we move forward in wisdom and faith (Acts 1: 21-26)

Applications for our lives and our church

Life Group Guide

Sunday

In your journal, reflect on today's sermon by answering the following:

I never knew:

I was challenged:

I was reminded:

I was convicted:

A question I still have:

A truth I could share:

Know

Monday

Spend some time today doing the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Select a portion of this week's sermon passage to memorize this week.

Write your selected portion and read it to yourself at least 10 times throughout the day.

Know > Be

Tuesday

In your journal, spend some time writing about the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Write a prayer of response, guided by the passage.

(May include adoration, confession/repentance, thanksgiving, petition, etc...)

Write your selected portion of the Scripture several times to aid in memorization.

Be

Wednesday

Think about this week's questions for group discussion:

How has God used a time of waiting your life in a profound way? What was the fruit of that experience?

How did this week's message help you in understanding how to face times of waiting?

How does participation in various spiritual disciplines help us prepare for times of waiting? What new commitment to these disciplines can you make in this area?

Be > Do

Thursday

In your journal, spend some time considering the following:

What insights have you had while internalizing this week's passage?

How specifically will you seek to apply its truths in your home/workplace/life in general?

Do

*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's passage & message.

Westwood Staff

Gerald Hodges: Lead Pastor

Jonathan Taylor: Associate Pastor

Jim Fulp: Counseling Pastor

Jason Engle: Pastor of Students
& Discipleship

Katie Austin: Children's Ministry
Coordinator

Contact Us

336.599.1982

westwoodroxboro@gmail.com

www.westwoodfamily.org

Upcoming Events

November 11 - Shoebox Dedication Service

November 16 & 17 - Membership Class

November 20 - Thanksgiving Dinner & Service

November 22-23 - Church Office Closed

November 25 - Decorate for Christmas