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OPEN

Do you like to wait? How do you react when you read a text like Psalm 27:14?

“Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.”

In the Bible, the invitation to wait upon God is NOT passive but about a heart that IS deeply dependant, and expecting God to act.

“Patience is not simply the ability to wait - it's how we behave while we're waiting.” (Joyce Meyer)

“Perseverance is not the result of our determination, it is the result of God's faithfulness.” (Eugene Peterson)

Consider...the first followers of Jesus had just completed three years of intense training with Him...they had the victory of the Cross behind them...and they had spent forty days engaged with the risen Lord. What did Jesus command them to do? WAIT for the power of the Holy Spirit before they launched out into Gospel ministry!

DIG

Read Acts 1:1-14. What were the early followers of Jesus doing in that room before the Holy Spirit descended?

According to Acts 1:8 the role of the believer is not to be a scholar or expert in religion. Instead, all believers are invited to be W_____.

Read through Acts 3 and 4 to see the courageous way the disciples did this.

How does Acts 4:11-12 highlight the way in which we should be Gospel centered? See also I Corinthians 3:10-11.

“Prayer changes things,” people say. It also changes us. The latter goal is the more imperative. The primary purpose of prayer is to bring us into such a life of communion with the Father that, by the power of the Spirit, we are increasingly conformed to the image of the Son.” (Richard Foster)

What was the three-fold sphere of service given to the early disciples...and to us? L_____, R_____, and G_____.

How do we take the notion of being present in our community seriously, but not allow our ministry to become focused upon a physical building?

How can Cornerstone be a lighthouse to our community?

“We, like Jesus in the wilderness, will be tempted with power and influence and the opportunity to help others without reference to God.” (Richard Foster)

What was God's purpose for the Church in how we must work together – see Acts 1:14; 2:46; 4:24; 5:12.

For what did Paul pray in Romans 15:5-7?

What were the “instructions” mentioned in Acts 1:2?

1. The G_____ C_____ see Matthew 28:18-20
2. The G_____ C_____ see Matthew 22:34-40

What does II Timothy 2:2 teach us about a culture of mentoring, equipping, and apprenticing in our church?

Who has helped you grow and develop as a disciple?

REFLECT

“Prayer is nothing more than an ongoing and growing love relationship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” (Richard Foster)

Are you convinced about waiting on God? Tired of waiting on God? Keep at it because there is much more at stake than God accomplishing some task. [Waiting On God](#) is a devotional classic by Andrew Murray who writes,

“At our first entrance into the school of waiting upon God, the heart is chiefly set upon the blessings which we wait for. God graciously uses our need and desire for help to educate us for something higher than we were thinking of. We were seeking gifts; He, the Giver, longs to give Himself and to satisfy the soul with His goodness. It is just for this reason that He often withholds the gifts, and that the time of waiting is made so long. He is all the time seeking to win the heart of His child for Himself.”

Be active in waiting on God...

Prayer Walks - June 6, 13, 20, 27 - meet at Kanaka Creek Coffee at 7 pm

Baptism Class - each Sunday morning in June - contact Pastor Brent

Soccer Camp & Ball Hockey outreach this summer - contact Manuela Silva