SERMON. Acts 1:12-26 Waiting, Obeying & Praying 1-24-2021

2 themes that run thru ACTS:

1. Our Sovereign God, i.e. the sovereign activity of God (PS 103:19, Heb 2:8-9)

2. Our Risen Christ i.e. the presence of His rule and Lordship (Eph 1:20-23)

Q: What will an *awareness of* and *growing confidence in* the sovereign activity of God, and the presence of the risen Christ bring about in a gathering of believers?

**Point 1. Confident Waiting** v12-14

Parents:

Use an illustration or real example of needing to wait for something that was a pretty big deal.

How can you help them *grow in confidence* that you know exactly what you doing?

How can you help them be *more aware* of your ability to help? (You’re there, you’re present).

In an age appropriate way, make the connection of God and the real presence of Christ.

Then, talk about waiting – and trusting God.

Then talk about obeying while waiting.

Then demonstrate praying- hype it up a bit about being desperate and dependent (“You.Lord….!)

**Point 2. Informed Obedience** v15-23

**Point 3. Dependent Praying** v24-25

**Discussion / Application**

1. Our needs can be small or great and waiting can be hard. How can waiting in community (inviting others in, grace group, even church gatherings) help in ‘the waiting place’?

2. How did Peter know to go to Ps 69 and 109 to help the group walk in obedience to ”fulfil the scripture?” (Lk 24:44-45).

3. Note the emphasis on ‘You, Lord…” in 1:24 in asking for help with this need. Talk about ways you can grow in this type of dependent praying.

4. What biblical ways does the Lord help us to discern His will (besides casting lots!) ?

5. What encourages you most from this upper room prayer meeting?