

Are We Ready for the Spirit?

Acts 1:12-26



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Introduction

How can we prepare ourselves for a fresh outpouring of Holy Spirit power? In Acts 1:12-26, we see how the first Christians prepared themselves for the arrival of the Spirit at Pentecost. What characterized these Christians that meant God was pleased to pour out His Spirit on them? What is He looking for in our lives today?

Four traits of the believers that awaited Pentecost:

1. Unity (vv. 12-14)

2. Holiness (vv. 15-20)

3. Conviction (vv. 21-22)

4. Dependence (vv. 23-26)

Notes

Questions to Ponder

1. How does Luke express the unity of these Christians in verses 12-14? What can we learn from them about unity today?
2. Do you think the story of Judas is harsh? Why was his betrayal of Jesus so serious?
3. Acts also tells the tragic story of Ananias and Sapphira (ch. 5). What do we learn from these stories about holiness in the church?
4. Why did there need to be 12 apostles? Why is the number 12 significant?
5. Why was it important that the 12th apostle was an eyewitness of Jesus' life, death and resurrection?
6. Casting lots may seem strange to us, but what does it teach us about seeking God's will? Do we need to use lots today? Why or why not?