

JESUS CONTINUED

BY THE SPIRIT, THROUGH THE CHURCH, IN THE WORLD

Three Crucial Lessons: Acts 1:12-26

1. The Necessity of the Spirit

Their immediate assignment was w a i t i n g in Jerusalem.

Every revival has begun with c o r p o r a t e prayer that was frequent and fervent.

2. The Centrality of the Gospel

The Bible is not about hundreds of people, events, rituals and commands, but is about J e s u s who can be seen through all these things in all the scriptures.

3. The Priority of the Resurrection

If the resurrection didn't happen, the Christian faith is the greatest m y t h. If it did, it is the greatest truth.

The place left vacant by Judas has been fulfilled by Matthias, yet the place left vacant by J e s u s hadn't been filled, but would soon be filled by the Holy Spirit.

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions, but try to discuss/study some in each category.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. What evidences of grace have you seen since we last met?
2. How should we read the Old Testament and all of the Bible? (Luke 24:13-27) How is this illustrated in Acts 1:20?
3. Discuss this statement: "The Necessity of the Spirit's power because of our dependency on God is exhibited by prayer that is frequent and fervent". Do we believe in our dependency on God if we pray (personally and together) briefly and infrequently?
4. What stuck out to you from the sermon Sunday?
5. What themes do you find helpful or interesting?
6. What sin did the Holy Spirit convict you of in this sermon?
7. How were you encouraged by this passage?
8. How does this passage connect to or inform our understanding of the gospel?