

# king's chapel

*Community Group Discussion Guide*

Week September 22, 2013

**This Week's Focus:** As the apostles waited in obedience to the Lord's command to wait in Jerusalem until the day of Pentecost to receive the Holy Spirit, they gathered for corporate worship and worked things out by walking together in unity and prayer.

**This Week's Text:** Luke 24:26-53 & Acts 1:12-26

*So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

**Philippians 2:1-4**

*"In almost every chapter in Acts you find a reference to prayer, and the book makes it very clear that something happens when God's people pray." Warren Wiersbe*

**Related Texts:** 1 Peter 1:13, Ezekiel 18:23, Matthew 27:3-10, 1 Corinthians 15:7-9, Proverbs 16:33

## **Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- How has God spoken to you regarding the sermon and/or text?
- What is the significance of the context of verses 4 and 7 to Jesus' promise in verse 8?
- What is the purpose in receiving the Holy Spirit's power? In what ways does that change your worldview?
- Discuss the three activities the disciples were doing while they waited for the promised Holy Spirit.

Reference Luke 24:50-53 and Acts 1:12-26.

- Worshiping in community in both large and small gatherings.
- Walking together in unity and prayer.
- Working things out in community.

- Have you experienced a time when you were waiting on God?
  - Did any of the activities the apostles engaged in help you to wait?
  - Would you do it differently? In what ways?
  - How has God shown you the answer to what you were seeking through community?
- How do God's people have unity?
- What role does prayer have in achieving and keeping unity? (Think one-mindedness.)
- Why did Peter think it necessary to replace Judas? Reference Acts 1:16-17 and Luke 22:28-31.
- Discuss the role of the Holy Scripture in making that decision.
- What were the criteria for the choice of Judas' replacement? Can they be duplicated? If so, how? If not, why not?
- Casting lots was a common practice in ancient Israel. What are the other biblical examples it?
- How can we reconcile the account found in Matthew 27:3-5 and Acts 1:18-19?
- Some have thought that choosing of Matthias was illegitimate, and that Paul was God's choice to complete the Twelve. What do you think?

### **Gospel Celebration:**

- The work of Jesus is finished.
- Unity in community can be gained by centering on the person and work of Jesus.
- Jesus works in us as we walk together in community.

**Next Week's Text:** Acts 2:1-13.