

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Current Book: The Acts of the Apostles

Today: Acts 1 *continued* – Ministry ownership change – *it is time to start thinking bigger!*

Key from *How to Study the Bible*: Always ***be willing to change*** what you believe or have been taught when it goes contrary to what the Bible clearly says.

Scripture focus for Today: Acts 1:15-26

PRINCIPLES

1. There were only about **120 disciples** at this time in church history. 1:15

- ✓ Jesus had ministered to ***thousands***, healed ***thousands***, and fed ***thousands***...
Matthew 14:21; 15:38; Luke 9:1-17
- ✓ There will always be a ***remnant*** of God's people for the ***next generation***...
Luke 17:11-19; Romans 11:4; 1 Kings 19:18; 2 Kings 19:30-31; Ezra 3:8; 9:8, 14; Isaiah 1:9; 11:16

2. Peter's **authority** for preaching to the disciples was the holy **SCRIPTURES**. 1:15-20

- ✓ It was time for Peter to ***stand*** and ***speak*** and ***intercede*** on God's behalf...
Acts 5:20; Exodus 8:20; Ezekiel 22:30
- ✓ It is important to note that Peter is now ***referencing*** the Scriptures as his authority...
2 Peter 1:16-20; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Matthew 4:1-11; Acts 28:25; Romans 3:2; 15:4; Hebrews 4:12
- ✓ Peter knew that the ***Holy Ghost*** was the ***author*** of the Scriptures...
2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Mark 12:36; Acts 3:18; Acts 28:25; Hebrews 3:7; 9:8; 10:15
- ✓ Peter knew that Judas had ***fulfilled*** the ***prophecies*** in the Scriptures concerning him...
Matthew 26:54, 56; John 10:35; 12:38-40; 19:28-30, 36
- ✓ Judgment came to Judas for his ***betrayal*** and ***murder*** of the Lord Jesus Christ...
Matthew 12:36-37; John 3:12-21, 36; Galatians 6:7; Jude (all); Job 4:8, 15:31; Proverbs 1:31; Hosea 8:7; 10:12; Romans 2:1-16; Ephesians 5:6

3. A ministry **OWNER** was needed to be a ***witness*** of Christ's resurrection. 1:21-26

- ✓ The requirement had to be someone who had ***companied with Jesus all the time***...
Matthew 10:1-6; Luke 10:1, 2; John 15:27
- ✓ They appointed two men and then ***God made the final choice clear***...
Matthew 20:16; 22:14; 1 Corinthians 1:26; 1 Timothy 3:1

PRACTICES

1. We must be the ***faithful remnant*** of the church at this time in church history.
 - ✓ John 6:67 – Then Jesus said unto the twelve, Will you also go away?
 - ✓ Do you need to repent of some kind of unfaithfulness or disobedience today?
2. We must ***go, stand and speak*** God's holy Scriptures as our ***final authority*** in all matters.
 - ✓ Where has God revealed to you that you need to speak His truth to others?
 - ✓ Are you ready and willing to stand in the gap for the glory of our great God and Savior?
3. We must be ***owners of God's ministry*** at this time in church history.
 - ✓ Has God revealed to you a need to commit to a greater level of ministry ownership?
 - ✓ Do you need to be discipled so that you can know what the Bible says and obey Him?
 - ✓ Our church will help to prepare you to accomplish God's great work for His glory!!

**** MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Upcoming Events ****

1. **New Members Class** – there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for our first new Members class starting on **Sunday, 10/6 from 9-10am** (6 weeks)
2. **How to Study the Bible** – there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for our first Wednesday night Bible study starting on **Wednesday, 10/2 from 7-8pm** (12 weeks)
3. **Prayer Meeting** – we must be a house of prayer (Matthew 21:13) – we will begin having a corporate time of prayer each week beginning on **Wednesday, 10/2 at 6:30pm**