

ALIVE #3 John 20; Acts 1; Is. 40

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SLIDE 1 – ALIVE – AN EASTER SERIES

SLIDE 2 – DIRECT POLL

- Incorporating anonymous polls from time to time to explore: *Where are we?*
- Re: Water Baptism –
 - **If you have the Hillside app, push notification w/this URL**
 - <http://etc.ch/ztYJ>
 - If not, you can get the APP: <http://get.theapp.com/f065/>

SLIDE 3 – RESURRECTION REFLECTIONS

- Post-crucifixion, burial, resurrection –
- The Resurrected Christ came after disciples – gospel Good News is for ME
 - **John 20,21** – *disciples, Thomas, Peter*
- Peace be with you → as the Father sent Me, I am sending YOU
- Jesus BREATHED on them → And said, “RECEIVE the Holy Spirit”

SLIDE 4 – AS YOU GO... DISCIPLE!

- What being SENT to do? **Matthew 28:18-20** – Jesus’ final instructions –
 - Disciple is a verb – action/something you do, wherever you are...
- **Baptizing** in the Name of the Father, Son, Holy Spirit
- **Teaching** to observe all Christ’s commands – followers of Christ
 - For all Christ-followers – to BE BEING, as we go about life...

SLIDE 5 – BREATH OF LIFE

- Revisit – BREATHED on them → RECEIVE the Holy Spirit
- **BREATHED** – *Only place in NT this spec. Greek word is used*
 - Septuagint – OT – **Genesis 2:7** – God formed man, breathed life into him
 - Restoration, breathed ‘new life’ into disciples – not what they were before

SLIDE 6 – RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **RECEIVE** – Key instruction in the disciples’ being SENT by Jesus –
 - Embrace the empowerment & relationship w/the 3rd person of the Trinity
 - *Take hold of, take up, catch, to be carried...*

SLIDES 7-11 – ACTS 1:1-8

SLIDE 12 – WAIT HERE: FOR THE PROMISE

- Approx. 6 weeks of face-to-face meetings, meals, instructions, insights
 - Talking about ‘things of the KOG’ – **finally...**
- Key point – WAIT here in Jerusalem, for the PROMISE of the Father, HS
 - JTB – foretold – I do water, He will do FIRE
 - **John 14,15,16,17** – promise of HS – comforter, counselor, teacher, etc...
- You’ve been given a mission; you’ve been sent → NOW wait for power to do it
 - Wondering: Why didn’t God just give the HS right then?

SLIDE 13 – ABOUT WAITING

- Different kinds of waiting affect us in different ways
 - Waiting in ‘waiting rooms’ – you’ll never get that time back
 - Drs office: Anxious, nervous, wanting answers,
 - Readers’ Digest, back copies of obscure magazines, etc...
 - Christmas/Disneyland/event – excited, hopeful
 - Waiting w/no set time vs. Waiting until set time – ‘hash browns’
- When the disciples hear ‘wait for the Promise of the Father,’ what runs through their minds? Abra(ha)m; Saul; David; Israel; Jeremiah; Isaiah

SLIDES 14-17 – ISAIAH 40:27-31

SLIDE 18 – WAITING ON GOD

- Part of the human condition – what have you done for me lately?
 - Israel’s history → serves as an example to us – to do/not do
- What does it mean to “wait on God?” What does ‘active waiting’ look like?
 - What are the things I *know* I’m to be BEING & DOING?
 - Time w/God, seeking God, pursuing relationship w/God
 - Explicit points of obedience & faith in action vs. doing nothing...

SLIDE 19 – BE & DO: BEING & DOING

- Called to MAKE disciples = if Jesus commanded it, we can DO it
- Baptizing in the Name; teaching to obey/observe all Jesus-stuff
 - Going there...
 - Where am I in the BEING a disciple?
 - Baptized? HS baptized?
 - Obeying/observing Jesus-stuff?
 - Following lead of HS in my daily life?

SLIDE 20 – WHAT AM I DOING WITH THIS?

SLIDE 21 – PRAYER IS AVAILABLE

"When is this going to happen? How long do we have to wait? When does construction begin? Jesus's response was 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.'

In other words, it's none of your business. Your question is irrelevant. That kind of information is of no use to you. It would probably confuse you, might discourage you, and would certainly distract you."