

SUMMIT

ACTS 1:12-26

MAIN IDEA:

The church is to be a powerful witness to Jesus Christ — here and everywhere.

WHILE WE WAIT, GOD IS:

SHAPING HIS PEOPLE

- Do not despair in times of waiting - the Lord is shaping his people
- Do not waste your time in waiting on the Lord:
- Are there sins that need to be dealt with? Are there godly disciplines that need to be cultivated? Are there relationships that need to be restored? Commitments that need to be kept? Truths that need to be mined?

REMOVING BARRIERS

- While waiting on the Lord, he is removing obstacles that stand in opposition to his plans and purposes.
- God isn't only dealing with the barriers of your heart, he is dealing with barriers that others are setting up.
- Romans 8:28 is true of your waiting!

FULFILLING HIS PLAN

- The NT presents Christ as the True Israel who succeeded in accomplishing God's will in all the ways that Israel failed.
- Now, the church is the new Israel and so the number 12 is significant
- The disciples need to wait because it was during their waiting that God is tying together threads that have eternal impact

Waiting on God is not wasted time but a purposeful season where He prepares hearts, removes obstacles, and fulfills His plans through the local church. We are called to orient our lives around the church as God's primary mission, actively engaging in service and fellowship rather than treating it as just another item on our schedule.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is the difference between waiting and idleness?
2. Who is it often difficult to remember that even in our waiting, Romans 8:28 is true?
3. How are you doing with being patient and waiting on the Lord?
4. What might God be doing in your sanctification?
5. Are there any obstacles in your life to the church? Any habits or patterns that you are forming that get between you and church?