

MONDAY 2.28.22 – LUKE 24:45-49

“We believe that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is inerrant in its original writings, being communicated by the Holy Spirit to holy men of God.” Look familiar? This is the first item listed on the Shiloh Bible Church website under “WHAT WE BELIEVE”. Inerrant = incapable of being wrong. As we read today’s scripture, we are invited to remember these truths: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. Repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations. We are witnesses of these truths. Jesus will send us what our Father has promised. We will be clothed with power from on high in the form of the Holy Spirit.

Do you believe? Are you ready to leave the “city” and witness to the world?

Prayer: Lord, I pray for boldness today. Boldness to go forth and love on those who I encounter. Amen.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 3.1.22 – 1 THESSALONIANS 1:8-10

We as followers of Christ are awaiting Jesus’s return, just like they were. Do you think people like Paul and the early church would have thought they would see Jesus’s return in their lifetime? How do you think they would react if they knew that 2000+ years later, the church is still waiting? Based on what we read in 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10, look at and surmise how this early group of believers was waiting. By Paul’s encouraging letter, I believe they waited obediently, intentionally, patiently, expectantly, and with a hope and confidence that only faith can provide.

What are we doing while we wait? Could we expect a similar letter of encouragement to be written to us? Are we “on track” as Christ’s Church today? Well, I don’t expect to receive a letter from Paul, but I know that one day we will be required to give an account of our time and our fruit (Revelation 20:12), both personally and as part of Christ’s church. One day when

we face Jesus, we will want to hear “well done” (Matthew 25:23). So as we wait for Jesus’s return, we have work to do here on earth. So let’s not simply just wait, let’s wait with purpose.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 3.2.22 – ACTS 2:1-13

Have you ever found yourself waiting in great anticipation, eager and ready to receive promised gift or present only to be disappointed or overwhelmed. Acts 2 is a reminder that with God, the promise is always worth the wait... ALWAYS. Jesus said, “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes” (Acts 1:8) and now we see that power on display as the gift is finally received. And it didn’t disappoint and it didn’t underwhelm, it exceeded EVERY EXPECTATION! God’s power displayed! His promise fulfilled!

But notice, this gift, this promise, this waiting, it wasn’t about a mere present... it was about presence, His presence, His ultimate promise fulfilled (see Matt 28)! God assures His people again and again throughout scripture that they will never ever be alone. Life will have its frustrations, there will be times of waiting, and you will experience unmet expectations, but His presence NEVER DISAPPOINTS!

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 3.3.22 – ZECHARIAH 4:6

The Prophet Zechariah (whose name means “The Lord Remembers”) ministered to the people of Judah after the captives returned to Jerusalem from the Babylonian Exile. He, along with Haggai, encouraged and motivated the people to

complete the rebuilding of the Lord’s temple. The people were to do so under the leadership of Zerubbabel, the governor. However, the project was not to be accomplished through human strength alone. The returnees were to appropriate divine resources—the Spirit’s enablement. *“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,” says the Lord Almighty.*”

Likewise, depend upon the help of the Holy Spirit to grow in Christlikeness and to live a life pleasing to the Lord. *“For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live”* (Romans 8:13).

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

FRIDAY 3.4.22 – PSALM 51:1-12

In the story of Pinocchio, we find a Cricket named Jiminy who is appointed to be Pinocchio’s conscience. Unfortunately, Pinocchio chooses not to listen to Jiminy resulting in his continually finding himself in difficult predicaments. Jiminy’s song is “let your conscious be your guide”. When we accept Christ as our Savior, the Holy Spirit comes into our lives. In a way He becomes our holy conscious. His desire is to increase His influence on our lives as we continue to become more and more like Christ.

Unfortunately, like Pinocchio, we often do not listen to the Spirit’s leading and we find ourselves in difficult predicaments. May our prayer be “Lord help me to be sensitive to the leading of Your Spirit in my life” as I seek to share the love of Christ with my friends and neighbors.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

EQ GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS – 9:40AM*

Kids CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
 LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level
 *available during 9:40 AND 11:00 services

NURSERY (through Age 3)
 LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level
 available during the 9:40 service

Youth YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)
 LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)

Adults EXPLORE THE BIBLE – Room B8-10 (Lower Level)
 DIFFERENCE MAKER – Room B11 (Lower Level)
 RESOLVING CONFLICT – Room B1-2 (Lower Level)

SEE INSERT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT
 UPCOMING CLASSES FOR THE SPRING

SUNDAY EVENINGS – 6:00PM

Kids KID'S CLUB (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
 LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level
 CURRENT SERIES: The Beatitudes

Youth YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)
 LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
 5th–8th Grade meet downstairs
 9th–12th Grade meet upstairs

Adults DIVE DEEP WITH DOUG
 LOCATION: Worship Center
 CURRENT SERIES: Israel Tour

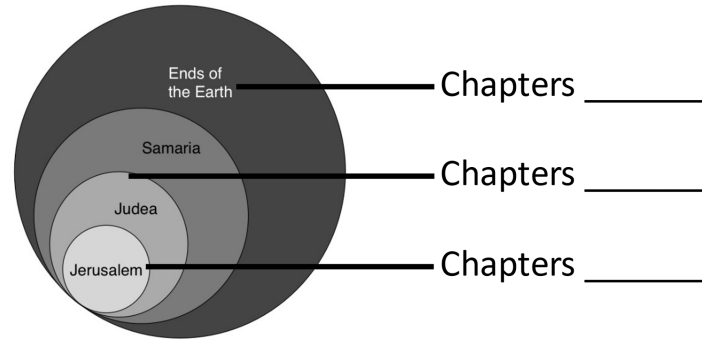
BIG IDEA – SMALL GROUP(S)
 LOCATION: Room B8-10 (Lower Level)
 Group discussion following the scriptures and
 themes of Sunday morning's message. Starting
2.20.22, we'll be jumping into the Book of ACTS

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY GROUPS OR CLASSES,
 PLEASE USE THE CONNECT CARD IN YOUR BULLETIN. THANK YOU!

SERMON NOTES

Acts 1:9-26 Hurry Up And Wait

In Acts 1:8, Jesus says, "you will be my witnesses..."



"Patience isn't simply the ability to wait—it's how we behave while waiting." What should you do while you wait?

1. _____

"In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation." ~ Psalm 5:3

2. _____ the _____

"May their place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in their tents." ~ Psalm 69:25

"... may another take his place of leadership." ~ Psalm 109:8

3. _____ the _____

"Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God." ~ Luke 24:52-53

"A hurried life looks externally for answers to life's big questions. But a life at God's pace looks internally for these answers. Your life's pace matters. Unless you move at God's speed, you won't see the world through God's lens." ~ Frank Powell

EQ Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



February 27 – March 4

INTRODUCTION: Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip every believer. We desire to see every person take their next step with God, both individually as well as with families and groups. This guide is to aid us in just that. We invite you to join us in daily devotion in the Word.

OVERVIEW: This week's daily readings and reflections will help us take our next step in our teaching series on the book of Acts. Monday's and Tuesday's readings will build on today's message and the importance of waiting on the Lord. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for next Sunday's message on Acts 2 and the arrival of the Holy Spirit.

KEY VERSE: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

–ACTS 1:8