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LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

Living on the Verge

January 24, 2016

Text: Acts 1.12-26

1. As the apostles gather in the upper room with others what are they on the verge of? What are they waiting for (Acts 1.4-5, 8)?
2. What do the apostles display in their response to go to Jerusalem and wait? Eugene Peterson says that God desires from us *a long obedience in the same direction*. What does that mean or look like?
3. What does it mean to be of *one mind* and *continually devoted to prayer*? Read Luke 11.9-13 and discuss what Jesus says about prayer. What are the commands and promises we see? What good gift does the Father love to give specifically in Luke 11 that connects back to our text in Acts 1?
4. When we pray, we can have confidence because of who we are praying to? As we remember together who God is what comes to mind as we reflect on Romans 8.15 and Isaiah 30.18?
5. God, as Father is not just a caring Father, nor is Jesus just tender and the Holy Spirit is not just a Comforter, but we see in the Father a defender, in Jesus a tough spirit and in the Holy Spirit one who is a powerful conquering force. As you look at Acts 1.15-26, what do we see in the desolation of Judas and his replacement Matthias about the character and work of God? How does this relate back to the promise of God to the apostles that they will be empowered by the Holy Spirit? Specifically, what does Judas' desolation mean to us in the realm of God's purposes being fulfilled and what does Matthias' installment mean for us when it comes to the significance of Christ's work and the coming power of the Holy Spirit? What does it ultimately tell us about the Word of God (1.16)?
6. How does this encourage you and challenge you?

Pray