

York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 25th July 2021

Strategy
Acts 1:1-14



The Strategy



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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GETTING STARTED

Q1. What is something you have completed in life that meant a lot to you and/or others?

Q2. In the Old Testament, both the prophets and many of the key figures are told by God that He will “finish” his plan. can you think of a time when you were waiting in anticipation for something to be finished? What was that like?

INTO THE WORD

Read Acts 1:1-6

Q3. What do you think the significance of the “Kingdom of God” is? (Luke 11:1-13 offers some insight)

Read Acts 1:7-14

Q4. Jesus is preparing the early church to launch into something that will change the world forever, but he gives the disciples the instruction to ‘wait’. What do you find frustrating about waiting? How can you honour God while you wait? What does this passage say about the disciples’ actions while they awaited the Holy Spirit?

GOING DEEPER

Read Acts 1:15-26

Further reading found in Luke 1:1-4; 24:36-49

Q5. The author, Luke, makes a point of highlighting the historical accuracy of the fulfilment of prophecies found in the Old Testament (Judas' death), while taking responsibility to be obedient to both Old and New Covenants (Matthew 5:16-18). What do we need to do today in regards to the Old Testament commandments/covenants, and what does the New Covenant of Jesus do to them?

Read Acts 1:8

Q6. Jesus has a strategy, firstly the 'completed works of Jesus Christ' is just that, it is finished. All that must be done for us to be saved was done once and for all through Christ's life, death, and resurrection. But, God's redemptive plan, while fulfilled through Jesus, must be communicated to those who don't know about Him. And so, a strategy is in place, through the church, empowered by the Holy Spirit to go. However, Acts chapter 1 ends in waiting and prayer. How can you await God's leading through the Spirit in prayer? How can you support others as the early church did?

Pray

Lord, we know that at times we must wait, and in waiting we often look to areas in life other than you. Please help us to look to you in those times, to join together in prayer as we await your leading through the Holy Spirit for the things you allow us to join with. Thank you for the completed works of Jesus and for the salvation we have through him. In His name we pray.

Amen