

Message Outline

Character Study on Simon Peter:

Peter's Vote



Acts 1

Intro: Studying the life of Simon Peter...

- Last week, Peter's reinstatement (Jn.21)...
 - Jesus walks Peter thru some painful memories, the most important question ("do you love Jesus"), and life mission...
- Peter's a different man from Jn.21 to Acts 1.

v.1a—"the former book"... Gospel of Luke.

v.1—Jesus is just beginning!!!!!!

v.1-3—Hallucinations don't happen like that...

v.4-5—Waiting and the Spirit's coming...

v.6—Loaded question...

v.7-8—Jesus doesn't point to the calendar but to the power (Holy Spirit) and the purpose (witness) in the wait...

v.9-11—Ascension of Jesus...

v.12-16—Prayer and Scripture in the wait...

v.15-26—The plan to replace Judas...

- Was "replacing" really "waiting"???
 - God's chosen apostle (cf. Acts 9, 1Cor.15:8ff.)
 - Seemingly insignificant action...no mention of Matthias after Acts 1.
 - Peter's first move of leadership...

Lessons for Life from Peter's Life (Acts 1):

- 1) _____
 - Miraculous moments in Peter's life...this isn't one of them!
 - Not every step in our spiritual journey is a walk on the waves!
- 2) _____
 - Seasons of waiting in lives God's molding (cf. Joseph, Moses, David, etc.)...
 - Waiting isn't doing nothing (ie. prayer and Scriptures v.14, v.16)...
- 3) _____
 - Reason for wait: the Spirit's indwelling/equipping...



Small Group

Reflection Questions

(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)



Read: John 2

**From this passage, who is Jesus and/or what's this say about life in Him (cf. Jn.20:30-31)?*

**What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?*

**This past Sunday we celebrated World Communion Sunday. Why is (or is not) Communion significant to you? And how would you explain to an unbelieving friend the significance of Communion?*

**In Acts 1, the disciples are making a decision to replace Judas's position in the group, and they go through a certain process (ie. prayer, Scripture, casting lots, etc.). What is a decision you are currently having to make, and what is your process of decision making in life?*

**Peter's first step of leadership in the early church was the selection of a man who we never hear anything about outside of Acts 1. Can you think of a decision you made that you thought was significant in the moment, but later was a mute point?*