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):

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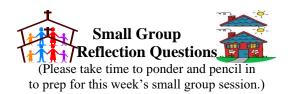
- Miraculous moments in Peter's life...this isn't one of them!
- Not every step in our spiritual journey is a walk on the waves!

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- 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)...

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• Reason for wait: the Spirit's indwelling/equipping...



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?