

Sermon Worksheet, 8/30/09

So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. (Acts 13:3-4)



Passage: Acts 1:1-14

Theme: Sent by the Holy Spirit, No.2

In this drill, we will learn about the relationship between to be a Jesus' witness and to have the power of the Holy Spirit.

Observations:

- 1) The command given in vv. 4-5 was given “**while he (Jesus) was eating with them.**” When was this? Please find the passage that possibly talks about this “occasion” from Luke’s gospel, and list up some similarities in the contents of Jesus’ words between the two passages.
- 2) Coming back to v. 2, you also find the author saying “... **after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.**” Do you think this refers to the same command of Jesus that we discussed above? If so, how does Luke intend to connect the work done through the disciples and the work of the Holy Spirit? Likewise, the author says, “**(Jesus) gave many convincing proofs that he was alive.**” How is this statement related to the work done through the disciples in Luke’s mind?
- 3) When you look at vv. 12ff, do you find the disciples obeyed Jesus’ command? What command was it specifically? What relationship do you see between that command and them being Jesus’ witnesses? In other words, why did they need to obey this command in order to be Jesus’ witnesses? What promise do you see between the two in Jesus’ words?

Personal Applications:

- 1) What does “to be a witness of Jesus” mean? What fact/truth do you need to believe in order to be a Jesus’ witness? Do you have that faith?
- 2) Please explain the importance of the command “**Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised,**” by applying it to you. What if you do not obey this command? Do you think this is only an one-time kind of command?
- 3) For what purpose(s) and to what people is the power of the Holy Spirit given? Explain this in your own words. Is there anything you need to change in your life if you want this power to work for you?

Prayers, and etc.

- 1) Please pray according to the answers you gave in the question Personal Application 3) above.
- 2) Pray that God’s kingdom will expand more on earth through your group, or your family by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- 3) Pray for the recent newcomers, and the individuals whom you believe the Holy Spirit is leading to salvation or to the church by calling the name of each person.