**SERMON NOTES**

**To The Ends of the Earth**

**A Sermon Series Through the Book of Acts**

**“Trust and Obey”**

**Acts 1: 12 – 26**

**The time of waiting that we will observe in our text this morning is not time wasted or unimportant. What God did between the two bookends of His ascension to Heaven ((Acts 1: 9) and the sending of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2: 1-4) was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the lives of His followers.**

**The disciples and the believers gathered in Jerusalem to obey Jesus’s command to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Obedience to the Lord often seems simple but is indeed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**All the believers did in Acts one was the next right thing- they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**To be in one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ means that they are unified and agreeing in the purpose, intention, and aim of their prayer, namely that God would send the Holy Spirit.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ played significant roles in Jesus’s ministry as they continue to do today.**

**The promises of God and prayer go hand and hand. God has designed it so that the means for the coming of His promises is often the fervent and faithful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of His people.**

**A faithful people obeying God, unified together, and doing what He has called them to do is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than enough for God to use for His purposes, no matter the number.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ willing can come and know the grace of Jesus. No one is too far from the grace of God.**

**What Peter says here in verse 15 is a clear articulation of what is referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture.**

**The inspiration of Scripture affirms that though the Bible was written by human authors in a specific context and was at the same time divinely influenced by God in such a way that its very words are the words of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and speak also to events to come.**

**Judas was led away, as the text says, by his own wickedness and greed and yet – as the text also says – it was all the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.**

**In the crucifixion of Jesus the Scriptures were fulfilled by what took place in the choices of sinful man to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.**

**Peter applies these two passages from the Psalms to what has happened concerning Judas and what must happen in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Judas’s actions.**

**The apostles had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ authority given to them by Jesus.**

**It was not Judas’s death that warranted the need to replace him, but rather his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the twelve.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is always the first standard in church leadership in God’s eyes.**

**Being Jesus’s witnesses is not about our glory or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it’s about God’s.**

**Of all the things that we can and should observe from this text, God doesn’t want us to miss the profoundness of a man who betrayed Jesus and is yet restored by repentance speaking of the tragedy that befell one who also betrayed and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God.**

**For so important was it to God and to Jesus that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hear this message He sent His followers out – and those after them, empowered by the Holy Spirit as His witnesses - to proclaim and call to repentance those in Jerusalem – Judea – Sameria – and to the ends of the earth.**

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Congregational Scripture Reading – Luke 24: 44-49

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.