

Acts 1-10: God's Blueprint for Ministry in the Church
Receiving, Waiting, Seeking
Acts 1:1-26 (page 755)

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Gospel of Luke: What Jesus b e g a n to do and teach in His h u m a n body

Book of Acts: What Jesus c o n t i n u e d to do through His s p i r i t u a l body – the c h u r c h

God's Blueprint for Ministry includes:

- **R e c e i v i n g the w o r d of the r e s u r r e c t e d Christ (1:1-11)**
- W a i t for God's p r o m i s e s (vs 4-5)
- T r u s t in God's t i m i n g (vs 6-7)
- Be c o n f i d e n t that He will p r o v i d e the necessary p o w e r for His work (v 8a)
- His plan is always b i g g e r than we can i m a g i n e (v 8b)
- K n o w that He will c o m e a g a i n (vs 9-11)
- **B e i n g u n i f i e d in p r a y e r (1:12-14)**
- O b e y His c o m m a n d s (v 12)
- Come together as o n e f a m i l y (v 13-14)
- P r a y together i n t e n s i v e l y (v 14)
- **S e e k i n g God's d i r e c t i o n (1:15-26)**
- A p p l y s c r i p t u r e to the situation (vs 15-20)
- I d e n t i f y the n e e d (v 21a)
- Establish s p i r i t u a l c r i t e r i a (vs 21b-22)
- P r a y for God's will to be r e v e a l e d (vs 23-26)

Taking it in...

What keeps me from believing that God will empower me to be Christ's witness in my community? What can I do to change?

What are some ways that praying with others promotes unity? In what ways have I experienced that?

When was the last time I sought God's will in a specific matter?
How did I go about it?