



Title | First Things First
Series | THE CHURCH THAT CHANGED THE WORLD
Text | Acts 1:12-14
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Sermon Notes

Acts 1:12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. **13** And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. **14** All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. *ESV*

Big Idea:

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Acts 1:14

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

Read Acts 1:12-14. Consider all the people listed as being in the upper room, having just received their assignment from Jesus to be his witnesses. At this point in history, how would you characterize this group in terms of social standing and influence? What does this suggest about who God uses to change the world?

Tuesday:

According to Acts 1:4, Jesus commanded his followers to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit? Why do you think he made them wait? What is the relationship between waiting and prayer? (See Psalm 27:14; 37:34; 38:15.)

Wednesday:

Reread Acts 1:14. To pray “with one accord” means to pray with one mind or one purpose. Given the immediately preceding context (see Acts 1:8), what is the one purpose they had in mind?

Thursday:

In Acts 1:14, Luke says the early followers “devoted themselves to prayer.” Read Acts 1:24; 2:42; 3:1; 4:24; 6:6 for examples. Specifically, how can you follow their example?

Friday:

Choose five people you know who need the new life Jesus offers, and devote yourself to pray for them this year, not only that they might one day receive eternal life by faith, but also that God would use you as a witness to bring life to them by some combination of reflecting his character, sharing his message, doing his work, and enjoying his abundance.

Daily Prayer:

Lord, thank you for the new life you have given me. In the middle of my busyness, help me to remember the one thing that is so easy to forget. Help me to pray. For I can do nothing apart from a close relationship with you built on prayer.
Amen.