

OCF Small Groups: *passionately pursuing God, healthy relationships with each other, and people who don't know Jesus, as part of a Gospel Community.*

Awaiting the Kingdom: Acts 1:1-14

(Sunday January 28)

1.
 - a. What is something you have been made to wait for?

 - b. How were you better prepared to receive the thing you waited for because you waited for it? What lesson can we learn from waiting?

2.
 - a. How comfortable are you in 'the waiting'?

 - b. The Apostles spent 40 days with Jesus after his resurrection which mirrors the 40 days Moses spent receiving the law. What have you noticed about your character in these times of waiting? How has that affected your faith?

3. Acts 1:4 reads "he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father (the Holy Spirit). We often remind ourselves at OCF that our mission is here, near and far.
What can we do individually in our community (small group, at OCF, our neighborhoods) to see kingdom growth?

4.
 - a. In Acts 1:6 The disciples ask “will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” What sort of kingdom are the disciples asking Jesus to restore?
 - b. What kind of kingdom is Jesus bringing instead?
 - c. How are we working towards Jesus' kingdom 'near' in the South Bay?
5.
 - a. (Acts 1:8) When the Spirit does come upon the Apostles at Pentecost they will be sent out in power to the ends of the earth. Why is it important for the disciples to wait for the Spirit to come?
 - b. What can we do to support the efforts to be the witnesses of Jesus to the ends of the earth?

The Acts is the story of the Spirit of God leading the Apostles to the ends of the known world. Let us all make room for the Spirit to lead us in our everyday. How would He have us be witnesses here, near and far?