

## Parish of Ferndown

Study sheet for week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> May 2008

### *Waiting Together: Acts 1:1-14*

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- God has a huge vision for this world. We capture part of this in our study today

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1. **SIZE OF VISION.** In verse 6, it is clear that the disciples (who were Jews) only had in mind the restoration of the Kingdom for Israel. To them this was a big vision. But to Jesus it was too small. Why are we sometimes tempted to limit our vision to what we have experienced of God so far?
2. What happens when someone shares a bigger vision? (There could be conflicting responses to this question!)
3. What are the blessings and difficulties about “waiting on God?”
4. In what ways is it easy or difficult to wait for the things you want?
5. Verse 8 tells us why waiting can be worthwhile – we will receive power from God’s Spirit. Have you ever had times of waiting that have led to times of blessing or refreshing? If so, please share
6. **FOCUS OF VISION.** The disciples could have become “cloud gazers” but the angels told them to be assured of Christ’s 2<sup>nd</sup> coming. If we are truly convinced that Jesus will return to this world, how will this make us more determined to spread Christianity?
7. **MISSING FACTOR IN OUR VISION.** Read verses 12-14. What is mentioned here, that is often lacking in our own lives today?
8. Share examples of when you have seen God work because ordinary Christians met together to pray

#### **PRAYER FOCUS**

- Share honestly where you are most challenged about your life with God. Is it in the size of your vision, the focus of your vision, or the weakness of your prayer life (the missing factor)? We are all in this together, so let’s be real about our weaknesses and ask for God to transform us as we pray for one another today.
- Please also pray for Martin as he prays about and plans the development of our Church prayer life

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