

Growth Group Questions  
For the week of February 2, 2014  
*Make Time to Wait*

*Icebreaker:* what do you most hate to wait for?

In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit came (somewhat seldom) upon prophets, priests, kings and those involved with them. It came (somewhat seldom) upon those carrying the message and lineage of the Messiah. With the coming of Jesus things changed. God's will is for the Spirit to be upon "all flesh". The followers of Jesus had to wait for the Day of Pentecost (Feast of Harvest). We no longer need to wait for fulfillment, but we must wait in order to seek God.

READ TEXT: Joel 2:28-31; I Corinthians 15:6; Acts 1:1-8;15; Acts 2:1-21

1. Why do you think over 500 people witnessed the resurrected Jesus but only 120 were present waiting upon the outpouring of the Holy Spirit? Did they forever lose their opportunity? (Note: we do not need to "wait" as they did for the Day of Pentecost. The Spirit is available! However, we must "wait" to lay aside things of the world and get our focus and hearts upon our Lord in seeking Him above all else.)

2. While some of the 380 must have had legitimate reasons for missing Acts 2:1-4 (like having a baby!), some must have let the busy-ness of life keep them from waiting as Jesus commanded. What are we like as a church? What are you like personally? Are you more like the 380 or the 120?

3. We wait for what is important. (Dr. appointment, stop light, bank window, check-out line, driver's license, for a meal). One a scale from 1 to 10, with 1 being "not thirsty" and 10 being "very thirsty", how thirsty are you for God's presence and to "wait upon the Lord", to "seek his face"?