

# The Waiting Room (Acts 1:12-26)

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Why is waiting so hard? And what's the point of it anyway? It seems like such a waste! Have you ever asked yourself why God factored the waiting room into His grand plan for us? There must be a better way to get results. I hate waiting! Are you in the waiting room of life? The Bible shows us that waiting is necessary and needed in our lives.

God uses the waiting room for our good:

Do not run ahead of God or you may crash through a roadblock.

Do not lag behind God or you may miss his blessings.

The key is move with God, and to pause when God pauses.

## How to Wait 12-14

There are two things they did in the waiting room

### #1 They were in one \_\_\_\_\_ (harmony)

They were constantly in harmony, with one burning passion

Unity in the body is absolutely essential; \_\_\_\_\_ takes it one step further

The early church had one burning passion – to follow Jesus.

### #2 They were steadfast and earnest in seeking God

When there is nothing you do, you can pray and that is really something

“They earnestly sought God,” day in and day out

## What to Do While Waiting 15-20

Peter was a man of action; Peter made lots of \_\_\_\_\_

120 was the minimum number needed to call a town meeting

The entire Body was involved in this important decision

Peter pointed out that Christ's Betrayal was part of Prophecy

Peter pointed out that it was important to replace Judas

## How to Make Decisions While Waiting 21-26

Some of the most important decisions are made in the waiting room  
During periods of waiting and prayer God formulates his thoughts in us.

### **The Qualifications for an apostle 21-22**

**#1 He Must have been a disciple the \_\_\_\_\_ ministry of Jesus**

**#2 He Must be a witness of the \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_ one alive today can meet either qualification

### **How the 12th was Chosen**

The 120 proposed two men

They \_\_\_\_\_ for Guidance

They cast lots

I don't suggest that you draw straws to make really big decisions.

acknowledge His Truth and He will direct your paths! Proverbs 3:5-6

### **What about Paul?**

1 Cor 15:8 "I am like one born to apostleship out of \_\_\_\_\_ time."

Rom 11:3; 2 Tim 1:11. Paul was an Apostle to the \_\_\_\_\_

In the waiting room, the 11 found that there is something we can do when there is nothing we can do. Choose leadership wisely. Pray earnestly. And God will set off the explosions.