

Best Is Ahead

1990 6 am prayer
1992 High Calling (Unity)
prayer “ultimatum”
1993 Prayer Retreat
renewal into 1995 city renewal
Youth Culture of Worship (mid 90s)
1997 Export renewal to New York
2002 In the Fire into Fire Dweller through 2006
gap activity, but no real season of God moving
2011 Terry Bennett word (application to church)
Elders “in 10 days in upper room season”
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What did they do?

(Ac 1:3-5) ³being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. ⁴And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; ⁵“for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Wait (10 days until Pentecost)

(Ac 1:12-14) ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying... ¹⁴These all continued with one accord in prayer

Why prayer?

“wait on the Lord” in OT (4 Psalms, Is 40:31) = “twisted together”

(Ho 12:6) ⁶So you, by the help of your God, return; observe mercy and justice, and wait on your God continually.

context of “so you” – Jacob wrestling with God (Ps 24:6)

waiting = getting twisted up with God

What did they get?

(Ac 2:1-4) ¹When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

What should we do?

Personal/Individual Response before Corporate

1. Culture of Unity, Prayer, Worship wasn't mandated
was response to hunger (vision)

2. not just Season of Prayer, but Culture of Prayer

(Ac 2:42) ⁴²And they continued steadfastly ... in prayers.

(Ac 13:2) ²As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

Ministry came out of Waiting on the Lord