

INTRO

In this sermon, Josh explored Acts 1:1-4, focusing on the disciples' experience of waiting for the Holy Spirit and how this pattern of spiritual hunger and patience applies to our faith journey today.

When have you experienced a season of waiting for God to move in your life? What did you learn during that time?

IDEA 1: ALWAYS MORE

Josh highlighted that the disciples already had the Holy Spirit (John 20:22), yet Jesus instructed them to wait for more—revealing that our relationship with God isn't static but can continually deepen.

When have you experienced God revealing Himself to you in a new or deeper way after a season of seeking?

How might viewing your spiritual journey as ongoing rather than complete change your approach to prayer?

IDEA 2: PERSISTENT SEEKING

Josh emphasized Jesus' teaching in Luke 11 about persistent prayer—asking, seeking, and knocking—particularly as it relates to receiving more of the Holy Spirit.

What does it look like to "keep on asking, keep on seeking, and keep on knocking" in your daily spiritual practices?

When have you experienced breakthrough after a season of faithful waiting?

What barriers prevent you from asking for more of God's presence in your life?

IDEA 3: HUNGER & WAITING

Josh taught that both spiritual hunger and patient waiting are essential parts of the Christian life, creating space for God to work in and through us.

How does waiting cultivate spiritual hunger that immediate satisfaction might diminish?

IDEA 3: CONT

What practices help you maintain spiritual hunger rather than settling for less than God's best?

How does Philippians 3 (counting everything as worthless compared to knowing Christ) challenge our cultural values?

EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER

Take a few minutes to meditate on Psalm 27:4 as a life group:

"One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple."

Then:

- Share experiences of when you've felt particularly close to God's presence
- Prayerfully discuss what "one thing" each of you is seeking from God in this season
- Pray together for increased hunger for God's presence and patience in the waiting

PRACTICE THIS WEEK

Below are some options of an action step you could take this week. Look over the list and prayerfully choose one to engage with!

- Set aside time this week to pray specifically for more of the Holy Spirit, using the "asking, seeking, knocking" pattern
- Identify one area where you've been settling for less than God's best, and commit to seeking Him more deeply there
- Practice waiting on God through daily moments of silence and listening
- Journal about your spiritual hunger—where do you sense God inviting you to want more?
- Consider fasting from something that might be "spoiling your appetite" for God