

“WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?”
SERIES: “What About the Holy Spirit?”
Questions for the Sermon at *The Path*
June 5, 2011

What is it like to wait for someone you love to return or to wait for a special event to arrive?

Read Acts 1:1-3. What were some of the emotions the disciples must have felt when Jesus rose again and kept appearing to them? What might they have assumed about what Jesus would do after His resurrection?

What are some different understandings the disciples might have had in Acts 1:4-6 when Jesus said the disciples were about to receive the gift of the Spirit? What might be the connection with their dinner discussion (v.4) to the question the disciples asked on the Mount of Olives (v.6)?

What were your feelings about the recent publicity about the end of the world coming last May? What did Jesus say in verse 7?

What did Jesus tell the disciples about the Holy Spirit before the cross and the resurrection? (reference: John 14, 15, 16). What are some of the descriptive names Jesus gave the Holy Spirit? What do these names say about what the Spirit does?

Read Acts 1:8. What did Jesus say would be the purpose of receiving the power of the Spirit? What does it mean to be a witness? Why would we need power to do this? What kind of power is Jesus talking about?

Read Act 1:9. Do you think the disciples were surprised to see Jesus leave when He ascended? Why or why not? How did this motivate them to pray?

What images, experiences, etc. do many people associate with the Holy Spirit? What does Dr. Martin mean when he said, “we are not to seek an experience as much as we are to seek a Person”?