

**Sermon Based Study Questions for 09.20.2015 Sermon
Empowered By The Spirit: Be Ready
Acts 1:12-26**

Our passage shows us how to have the wind of the Holy Spirit in our sails. As Jesus' followers wait for the Holy Spirit's arrival, they demonstrate the same attitude we need today to make way for the filling of the Holy Spirit.

Next Step: Expect the Holy Spirit to empower me!

Ice Breaker Questions – (choose one to answer/ask)

- Have you ever waited patiently for something that was well worth the wait?
- Why are we in a hurry (impatient) all the time?

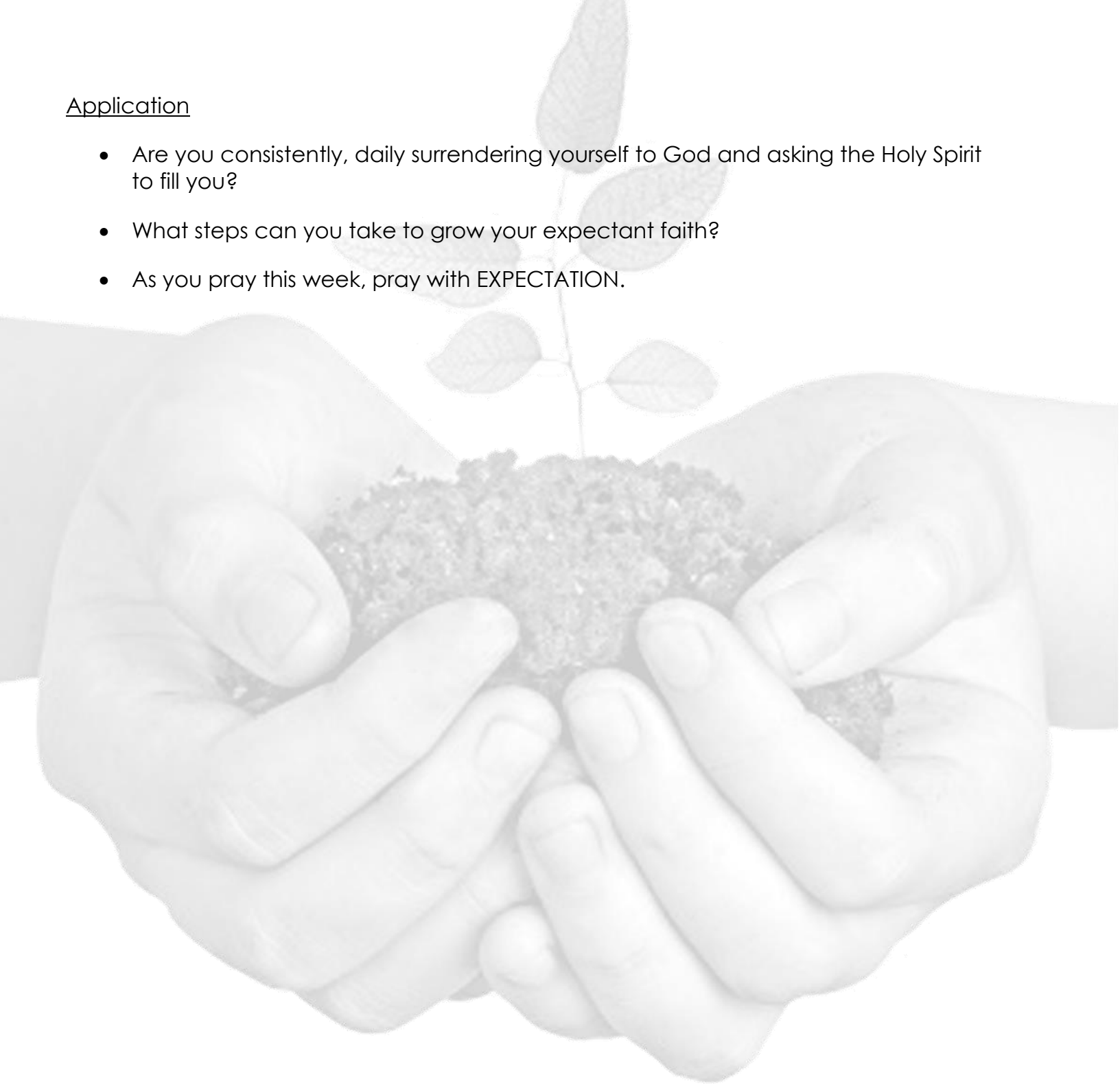
Questions

- Is there anything from Sunday's sermon that really stood out, made an impression, challenged or confused you?
- How does the disciples immediately returning to the upper room put their faith into action?
- Looking at the list of people in verses 14 & 15, what does this tell us about the solidarity and faithfulness of those who follow Jesus? What about His brothers?
- How does this passage help us understand "**expectant belief**"?
- How do you see the phrase "constantly in prayer" (v14) played out here?
- Replacing Judas was needed. Review the standard (v21-22), the nominations (v23), and the cry to God to show them who it should be (v24-25). How is their prayer an "**expectant prayer**"?
- Read Luke 11:5-13, how does this picture of expectant prayer influence how we should approach our prayer life?

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Application

- Are you consistently, daily surrendering yourself to God and asking the Holy Spirit to fill you?
- What steps can you take to grow your expectant faith?
- As you pray this week, pray with EXPECTATION.



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