

# Experiencing God Together

## “Experiencing God Through Faith Sharing”

### Acts 1:6-26 – September 21, 2025

40 DAYS OF EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER		
A Journey to Encounter the Living God Together		
Date	Message Title	Bible Text
Aug 17	Experiencing God Through Community	Acts 1-2
Aug 24	Experiencing God Through His Word	Psalm 19:7-14
Aug 31	Experiencing God Through Prayer	Acts 12:1-19
Sept 7	Experiencing God Through Worship	Acts 16:16-34
Sept 14	Experiencing God Through Watching and Obeying	John 5:19-20
Sept 21	Experiencing God Through Faith Sharing	Acts 1:6-11
Sept 28	Experiencing God as a Family	Joshua 24:15

## Our Commissioning

### 1. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.7-8)

- Jesus commands his disciples to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and even the remotest parts of the earth.
- When? When the Holy Spirit had come upon them!
- This is a reminder of what He had already commanded them earlier
- **Matthew 28:16-20** *Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in<sup>[b]</sup> the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*
- Application #1 Ask yourself: Am I living out Jesus' command for my life? In order to do so I choose today to:
  - ☐ Begin praying daily for the salvation of \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Ask God to open the door for me to share about Christ with \_\_\_\_\_ and when He does take the opportunity!
  - ☐ Invite \_\_\_\_\_ to the next Alpha course and attend with them!
  - ☐ Host an alpha course in my home and invite all my lost friends.
  - ☐ ...

### 2. What Jesus tells them \_\_\_\_\_ to do. (vv.6-7)

- Notice how long Jesus said the Holy Spirit was to stay with the disciples, “*And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*”
- Now just a few days later they are asking Him if the time is now?
- Jesus responds by telling them that they are not to concern themselves with trying to discern the signs or the day rather they are to be focusing their efforts on witnessing to the lost in all the earth!
- Application #2 Do you spend more energy, effort, time and desire waiting for, looking for and trying to discern the second coming of Jesus or witnessing to as many as you can before His return? If it's not the latter than repent!

### 3. What makes one \_\_\_\_\_ to being a part of the commissioning of Christ? (vv.12-26)

- The qualifications to Christ's commissioning were salvation (evidenced by the Holy Spirit) and having been witness to Christ's ministry.
- If you have received Christ as your lord and savior, then you have been baptized and filled by the Holy Spirit. If you have read the gospels, then you have witnessed His ministry! Then, you have been commissioned to Christ's work!
- Application #3 Have I been neglecting my calling to which I was commissioned? Lord, I surrender to Your call on my life today! Use me and empower me to live out my calling!

### 4. To experience God we must \_\_\_\_\_ our calling!

- Church history tells us that as the apostles are living in their calling and persecution begins, that John takes Mary and moves to Ephesus. To join Timothy in the leading of the church in Ephesus. Where Mary will live out the rest of her days and later John is arrested and sent to Patmos. While their Jesus comes to John and the book of Revelation is written beginning with 7 letters to the Seven churches in Asia minor.
- To the church in Ephesus Jesus commends them for:
  - their good deeds
  - suffering and not losing their faith
  - being theologically sound
  - rejecting false teaching
  - unwillingness to tolerate evil
  - not growing weary
- *but* Jesus has this against them:
  - you have abandoned you first love!

- Jesus commands them to repent and do the things they were doing at first. What were they doing at first? Spreading the gospel!!!!!!
- HE tells them if they do not repent He will come and remove their lampstand.
- The lampstand is the symbolic representation of the presence of God (*Leviticus 24*)
- In other words, if Ephesus doesn't witness to the lost around them and throughout the world God will remove His presence from them.
- We WANT THE PRESENCE OF GOD here at Grace Fellowship and in our lives! Lord, fill us with Your presence here and in our lives to be used for Your glory and Your purposes!
- Join us tonight as we consecrate our building! Here at 6:00pm