

# Ready...Set...GO!

*Message #2 - "The Gospel in Waiting" ("Set")*

*Acts 1:4-2:1*

## Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from Sunday's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
2. The first time you rode a roller coaster, what was it like leading up to the time it went down the first big hill?

## Digging Deeper

In smaller groups, look up the following people/nations who had to wait before God used them. Report back to the whole group the basic circumstances of the person who waited, and how long they waited. Then for each person, discuss as a larger group the following questions:

1. What do you think was the purpose of the waiting period?
2. What would you most look forward to after the end of the waiting period?

Abraham (Genesis 12:4; 15:1-6; 16:16-17:4; 21:2)

Jacob (Genesis 29:15-30)

Moses (Acts 7:20-36, from last week)

Israel in Egypt (Genesis 14:13-14)

Israel in the wilderness (Numbers 14:20-35)

Paul (Galatians 1:11-2:2)

## Read Acts 1:4-14

3. Why would Jesus tell the disciples to wait? (Verse 4) Why not just give the disciples the gift immediately?
4. What do the disciples think will happen when they receive the Holy Spirit? (Verse 6) How does their idea of a kingdom differ from Jesus' idea? (7-8)
5. Why does Jesus not tell the disciples when he will return to restore the kingdom? Why are we meant to not know exactly when he will return?
6. What do you think the disciples did during the 10 days they waited for the Holy Spirit to come?
7. "We no longer have to wait for the completion of the Gospel. We no longer have to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit." How is our situation different than that of the disciples in Acts 1:4-14? What actual difference does that make for us?

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## Living it Out

8. Go around your group and remind each other again of one person (family member, friend, co-worker or classmate, neighbor) you are praying God will use you to reach. What does the Holy Spirit need to do in order for you to reach them?
  
9. Spend a few minutes as a group praying for those whom you shared.