

Title: Church Alive - Beginnings (continued) **June 23, 2019**
Text Acts 1:12 - 26

Walk-in: This study in the Book of Acts will have us on a journey of faith that centers around one person - Jesus. What Luke lays out for us in mission, vision, strategy issues is key to doing church. Today (with a brief review from last Sunday) we continue to explore the early days of the church. So... away we go!

Remember the closer look...

A look at the WORK of the church. Acts 1:12-14

"Prayer is that slender nerve that moves the muscles of omnipotence." - Charles Spurgeon

The Christian church was born not in a preaching service but in a **PRAYER MEETING**.

"We can do many things once we have prayed, we can do nothing until we have prayed." - S. D. Gordon,
Core Value: Prayer is the primary work of the people of God.

A look at the GROUPS at work. Acts 1:13, 14b.

The eleven remaining apostles

Mary and the other women Luke 8:1-3

Brothers of Jesus Mark 6:3; 3:21

A look at the C of prayer. Acts 14a

"They all joined together constantly in prayer..."

Their prayer was:

U _____

H _____

C _____

A look at the P of the church. Acts 1:15 - 23

✓It was T to the Word. 1:15 - 22

* The Judas piece 1:15 - 20

* The successor piece 1:21 - 23

✓It was C in prayer. Acts 1:24 - 26

○The P 1:24 - 26 a

- Acknowledged the Omniscience of God
"Lord, you know everyone's heart."
- Sought the Direction from God
"Show us..."
- Yielded the Results to God
"The they cast lots..."

○The O 1:26 b
Matthias is added

Wrap-up: This beginning chapter of Acts is filled with amazing experiences for the followers of Christ: promises from Christ, a call to hurry up and wait, a mission to embrace, an ascension to give hope, a prayer characterized people, and a new replacement. But how to get this thing going and see it sustained? Well... tune in next week to see how the bones come to life!