

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: January 2, 2022
New Year - Renewal
Acts 1:6-2:13

We take a break today from the Liturgical Calendar to focus on renewal, as we often do at the dawn of a new year. What might it look like to go into this new year in a different way than we left the last?

1. What has happened just before the things described in this passage?
 - a. I don't know, we haven't been studying it.
 - b. Well, unlike our Liturgical calendar studies about the birth of Christ, this follows his crucifixion.
 - c. Are you the only one who doesn't know the things that have happened here (Luke 24:18).
 - d. Well, it seems like last year didn't go as planned, but maybe we can get back on track.

2. What are they asking Jesus in verse 6?
 - a. They still seem focused on what they thought was going to happen before.
 - b. "...are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

3. How did Jesus's answer, according to verses 7-9?
 - a. The Father doesn't always tell us the future, so it is likely that things still aren't going to go as you plan.
 - b. BUT!!! You will receive power.
 - c. What you need to know is that you will have all you need to face what is coming, even if it isn't what you expected...and what is really important is not for your agenda to be accomplished, but you will have all you need for what I have planned for you.
 - d. ...I'm out...well, not really, but what an exit!

4. What message did the men dressed in white have for the disciples in verses 10-11? _____

5. What did the disciples do?
 - a. They went to a room together.
 - b. Well, they chose somebody to replace Judas...this seems like they were looking forward.
 - c. They prayed.

6. What happened in chapter 2?
 - a. They were filled with Holy Spirit.
 - b. They were empowered to do what Jesus commissioned them to do and to be what Jesus told them they would be.

If we've learned anything over the past couple of years, it's that we do not know what the year is going to bring...the world and/or our lives could change completely overnight. When we make New Years Resolutions, they are often incremental changes that we plan to make in our own strength and sometimes they don't take into account the plans that God has for us. Perhaps, if we made commitments about who we are going to be in relation to God, we could continue forward in that no matter what the year brings. What commitment will you make to God today?