

CONVERSATION STARTERS

SOUTHRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

September 15, 2024 | The Making of a Movement

EAT TOGETHER | *Showing up regularly to share life and build relationships*

1. As we begin to kick-off our Life Groups this fall, let's be in prayer together for how Jesus wants to grow our connections and share those connections with others. If your group could invite some new folks to join you this fall, please reach out to your Location Pastor to make a connection!
2. Waiting is part of being human. When in your life have you had to wait on an answer or result that you couldn't control? Or, when have you had to wait for a big decision about your future?

PRAY TOGETHER | *Joining in on conversations of life and faith*

1. What stood out to you in [this week's service](#)? Was there something that made you pause and contemplate? Feel free to watch the [message recap](#) to review the big ideas of the message.
2. Read [Acts 1:12-26](#) (consider reading a couple of versions, including [The Message](#)).
3. We often find waiting difficult. In this passage, the disciples waited, as Jesus told them to, by both seeking God's direction (replacement of Judas), and waiting on God to enable them to continue Jesus's ministry (the arrival of the Holy Spirit). How is this pattern of "waiting" better than our tendency to do nothing until something happens, or making things happen by solving a situation on our own?
4. The message on Sunday listed three important ways to effectively wait on God: *Cultivating a Connection to God*, *Acknowledging the Faithfulness of God*, and *Enabling the Influence of God*. As a group, take some time to brainstorm how these can be implemented in our lives.

LOVE TOGETHER | *Being real to care and make a difference*

1. Where in your life these days do you find yourself in a period of waiting?
2. What is your default tendency in periods of waiting?
 - a. Avoidance?
 - b. Apathy?
 - c. Discouragement or Despair?
 - d. Seeking Control?
3. How did God speak into your life through this week's passage?
4. How can you most grow in the spiritual practice of actively "waiting on God"?