

		sermon notes
<p align="center"> “YOU CAN’T LIVE IT OUT” May 1, 2022 Pastor Todd Schlechty CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG/SERMONS </p>		

WHAT’S MISSING?

I. This Church had the _____.

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying; that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. Acts 1:12–14 (NASB)

1. All _____.
2. _____ who had followed Jesus out of Galilee.
3. _____ were there.

II. This Church was doing the _____.

These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. At this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons was there together), and said, "Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out. And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem; so that in their own language that field was called Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'LET HIS HOMESTEAD BE MADE DESOLATE, AND LET NO ONE DWELL IN IT'; and, 'LET ANOTHER MAN TAKE HIS OFFICE.' Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us—beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection." Acts 1:14–22 (NASB)

1. They obeyed Jesus' _____.
2. They continually devoted themselves to _____.
3. They _____ and sought to apply it.
4. They were _____ new leadership.

III. This Church had the _____.

So they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two You have chosen to occupy this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles. Acts 1:23–26 (NASB)

POINT: _____.

HOW DO WE RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT?

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened. Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

Luke 11:9–13 (NASB)



DOGGY BAG

Something to take home and chew on!

1. When have you felt like something's missing from your life? When have you felt like something's missing from your *spiritual* life?
2. When does your faith feel like something you are doing on your own? When does it feel like a relationship with a loving God who empowers you?
3. What would it look like to open your life to God's empowering presence?
4. **Pastor Todd's request:** Become a Pastor Prayer Partner and commit to pray daily with Pastor Todd for one year as we transition our Lead Pastors. Ways to sign up:
 - Open today's bulletin. We've included a link for the signup form.
 - Find the same link on our Church Serve webpage ([CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG/CHURCH-SERVE](https://christchurchva.org/church-serve)).
 - Email Pastor Todd directly: pastortodd@christchurchva.org
5. **Suggestion:** Consider joining or serving on the team for the next Alpha Course. Alpha is a great place to learn more about the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit in your life.

Email our Discipleship Ministry Leader, Pam Charbonneau, at pcharbonneau@christchurchva.org for more info.

ANSWER KEY:

I. the **RIGHT PEOPLE**

1. All **ELEVEN APOSTLES**
2. **THE WOMEN** who had followed
3. **JESUS' MOTHER AND BROTHERS**

II. the **RIGHT MINISTRY**

1. obeyed **COMMANDS**
2. devoted to **PRAYER**
3. **STUDIED SCRIPTURE**
4. **DEVELOPING** new leadership

III. the **RIGHT HEART**

Point: **IT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT EMPOWERS US TO LIVE IT OUT.**

How do we receive the Holy Spirit? **ASK, SEEK, KNOCK**