



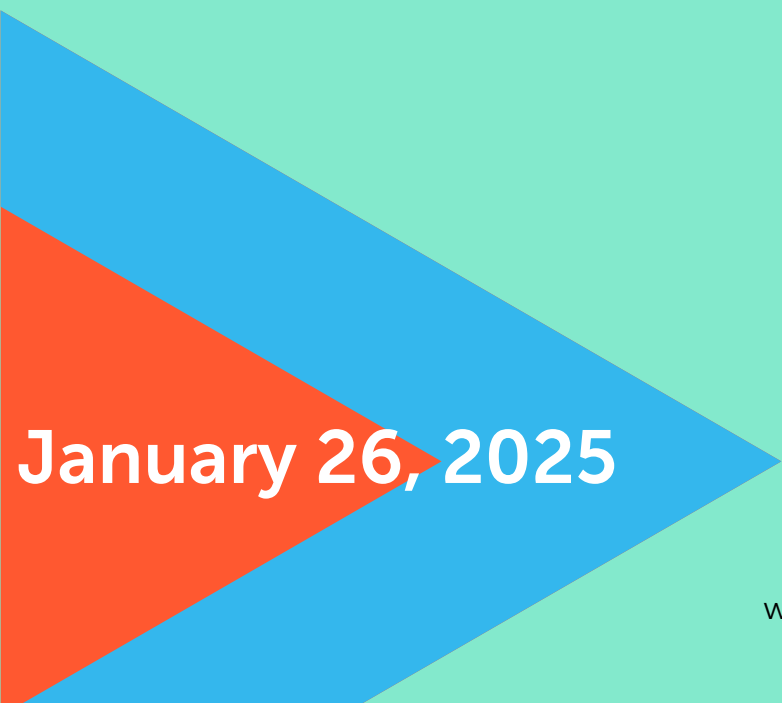
THE HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

THIS WEEK AT THF

- ▶ **TUESDAY**
THF College - Meets at Sarah's Home - 5006 94th St.
7:00pm-9:00pm
- ▶ **WEDNESDAY**
THF Students - Worship & Small Groups
7:00pm-8:30pm ~ Doors open at 6:30pm
- ▶ **THURSDAY**
THF Men - Bible Study & Fellowship
6:30am-7:30am

UPCOMING AT THF

- ▶ **FEBRUARY 6** - Women's Fellowship Event
6-8pm - Details to Come
- ▶ **FEBRUARY 22** - Men's Breakfast
Details to Come



January 26, 2025

Please continue to check all of our social media outlets and our website for updates to weekly activities and Sunday Services.

www.theheightsfellowship.org

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

January 19, 2025

<i>BUDGET GIVING:</i>	\$11,229.48
<i>BUDGET NEEDS:</i>	\$19,346.00

YEAR TO DATE

<i>BUDGET GIVING:</i>	\$50,325.73
<i>BUDGET NEEDS:</i>	\$49,748.00



THE LIFE OF CHRIST

IS ACTS DESCRIPTIVE OR PRESCRIPTIVE?

Acts is **HISTORICAL NARRATIVE**...

- written by Luke
- as the SEQUEL to his gospel

Acts is **GROUND ZERO** for much of Christian **THEOLOGY**. We see...

- the church was established and formed (**ecclesiology**)
- the third person of the Trinity – the Holy Spirit (**pneumatology**)
- the way the gospel and salvation were articulated (**soteriology**)
- how gospel flame spread over the known world (**missiology**)

The **REDEMPTIVE** work of Jesus is complete and finished...
 (That's the narrative of the four Gospels)
 The **SEEKING and SAVING** work of Jesus is ongoing.....
all that Jesus BEGAN to do and teach... (v1)

The **LIFE** of Jesus did not end with the crucifixion – we readily acknowledge there was a bodily **RESURRECTION** of Jesus.

The **MINISTRY** of Jesus did not end with the Ascension.

In Acts the 'body' of Christ is extended in the life of the **CHURCH**.

We are to live out the LIFE OF CHRIST in our world.

10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 11 For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body.

2 Corinthians 4:10-11

IT WAS A TIME OF **WAITING** vv3-4 **CF LK 24:36**

They needed the necessary **QUALIFICATION** (Power/Authority)

They needed the right **APPLICATION**

They had to have a sense of **DIRECTION**

They needed to understand their **CONNECTION** with the plan of God

They needed a true **DETERMINATION** (urgency) about the right things

He also presented Himself alive, after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days, and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God. Acts 1:3

This was their 'Post-Grad' in the APPLIED SCIENCE of APOSTLESHIP!

The 40 days with Jesus were full of this instruction and application.

IT WAS A TIME OF **UNCERTAINTY** vv5-10

What is the relationship between certainty and confidence?

Jesus 'presented Himself alive, after His suffering, by many convincing proofs' -

That is **CERTAINTY**

But He also 'appearing to them over a period of forty days, speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God' – these are things that haven't yet happened

They require **CONFIDENCE**

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

When we live in uncertainty, this is where FAITH comes in!

6 knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord –

7 for we walk by faith, not by sight — 8 we are of good courage... 2 Corinthians 5:6-7

To build Confidence In Their Lives, Jesus gave them

His **WORDS** v3

His **POWER** vv4-5,8

His **DETERMINATION (Urgency)** vv6-7

His **DIRECTION** v8

They were STILL not sure WHAT TO DO...

*9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.¹⁰ And **as they were gazing***

***intently into the sky** while He was going,*

behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them.

IT WAS A TIME FOR **PRAYER AND FOCUS** v11

They had to make some **DIFFICULT DECISIONS**...

How do we go on without Jesus?

What is it going to look like!

How do we know what to do, say, or how to act?

They Launched with the **RIGHT FOCUS**

¹⁴These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers...

²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two You have chosen ²⁵to occupy this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."

INSIGHTS AND APPLICATIONS

- 1 Sometimes, its okay to wait for God. We **NEED** to wait for God!
- 2 It's good to **PRAY** with urgency and immediacy!
- 3 **ALWAYS** we trust Jesus in where He has taken us...and for Him to move in **HIS TIME**