

The Church ...after Jesus

Acts 1:12-26

Part 2



What is the *Law of First Mention*? After Jesus went to heaven the church faced the first time it would exist without Jesus' presence to influence, teach and guide it. What happened?

B.L.U.F. (bottom line up front): *Let's be what Jesus' church was when He launched it onto the world.*

1. The Emotional State of the Church After Jesus

Luke 24:51-53 – Note the internal & public state of the church:

- Internal – worship & great joy
- Public – praising & blessing God

2. The Immediate Action of the Church After Jesus

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1) Focus on Prayer v. 12-14

- ⇒ It's Purpose
- ⇒ It's Participants v. 13-14
- ⇒ It's Passion v. 14

What can I do to encourage the corporate prayer life of CBC?

- 1st – Take your personal prayer life to a new level.
- 2nd – Be involved in corporate prayer on Sundays.
- 3rd – Be involved in corporate prayer at Prayer Meetings.
- 4th – If a ministry leader, accept your responsibility to lead your ministry to pray.

2) Focus on Obeying G _____ W _____ v. 15-26

- ⇒ Past Predictions Fulfilled v. 16-20a
Judas' betrayal of Jesus and his violent suicide.

- ⇒ Present Actions Based on Obedience v. 20b-26
Judas would need to be replaced

What can I do to encourage obedience to the Bible at CBC?

- 1st – Take your Bible study to the next level.
- 2nd – Enter a mentoring relationship.
- 3rd – Discuss sermon handouts with family.
- 4th – Join a BSF class on Sunday's at 9:00 a.m.



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