

SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SERMON

What does the

Holy Spirit

want today?

Acts 13: 1-3

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I) THE HOLY SPIRIT WANTS US TO GET ON THE GOSPEL BUS!

Acts 13:2-4 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and **sent** them off. So, being **sent** out by the Holy Spirit...

2) THE HOLY SPIRIT WANTS US TO STAY ON THE GOSPEL BUS

Revelation 5:9: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation.”

ACTS 1:8: GETTING ON THE BUS

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;

i) and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem,

ii) and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

THE GOOD BUS PASSENGERS ACTS 2.

Acts 2:40 : Peter pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

Acts 2:36 : “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

Acts 2:41 : “Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. ”

WRONG STOP #1: WRONG AGENDA

Acts 1:6-7 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.”

WRONG STOP #2.

WRONG THEOLOGY

Acts 4:12 “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

John 14:6-7 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷ If you really know Me, you will know My Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him.”

WRONG STOP #3.

OPPOSITION AND PERSECUTION

Acts 4:2-3 They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.

WRONG STOP #4.

LOVE OF MONEY (OR OTHER THINGS)

Acts 5:1-2 Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself...

WRONG STOP #5.

BATTLES IN THE CHURCH

Acts 15:37-39 Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark. But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work. Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another.

WRONG STOP #6.

2ND HAND EXPERIENCE OF JESUS.

Acts 13:13 From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem.

WRONG STOP #7.

FORGETTING THAT JESUS IS COMING BACK

Acts 1:11 “This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

2 Timothy 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but for all who eagerly look forward to His appearing.”

PAUL STAYED ON THE BUS TILL THE END!

Acts 38:30-31: Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.

PAUL'S REASON TO STAY ON THE BUS

1 Corinthians 3:11-14 “For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.”

QUESTION:

WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT WANTING?

Answer:

“And you will be My witnesses.”

How?

When?

Who?