

“i2” – Invest and Invite
Invest Prayerfully
May 1, 2011

Luke 19:13 Jesus said ***“Invest this for me while I’m gone”***
Investments require immediate sacrifice for future return.

MESSAGE: Invest in prayer then be part of God’s answer.

- *Be God’s answer to someone’s prayer!*
- That’s God’s plan for His Church!

Text: Acts 1:1-5, 12-14

Acts 1:14 “They all joined together constantly in prayer”

Acts of the Apostles – God filled the disciples with the Holy Spirit so they could BE His answers to the cries of His people.
Disciples didn’t have much to “invest” when Jesus left.
Disciples moved from God WITH us, to God IN us!

Disciples Invested in Prayer First:

1. Persistently – they waited obediently 10 days for the answer...the Holy Spirit.
2. Corporately – met together for prayer.
3. Expectantly – Jesus told them to expect the Holy Spirit.
 - a. Luke 11:1-13

Investment Dividends: Acts 2:42-47 *Spirit empowered witness, proclamation, salvation, provision for practical needs, miracles, worship, teaching, fellowship and more!*

Application: How are you “investing” in prayer?

Opportunities to Invest: Pause for Prayer – Mondays @ 6:30pm
Nat’l Day of Prayer – May 5, 12 noon Courthouse
And at First Friends – 6:30pm

1 Thes. 5:17 *Pray continuously!*