

# Sunday Gathering

What Are We Doing Here?  
Acts 1:1-14 - Tanner Williams

April 14, 2024

Witness

## Call to Worship

Good morning church, I want to take a moment and say, we are so thankful that you are here. What a joy it is that God chose each of our individual stories to be part of His, and that we get to take time every week celebrating that reality together.

As our call to worship this morning, be reminded of the awe-inspiring promise that we've been given in the book of Revelation. Please read the underlined portions with me:

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." - Revelation 21:3-4

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

So let us stand together and worship the one who will make all things new.

## Great Are You Lord

### Confession

Show of hands, how many people in here like to wait for things? Whether you're pulling up as the last car in the packed Chick-fil-A drive thru or you're 70th in line at the county clerks office, if most of us are honest with ourselves, there is something about having to wait for things that leaves us with a profound sense of frustration and injustice.

Now imagine you're the disciples, Jesus is ascending to his rightful place at the right hand of the Father and they ask him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the Kingdom of Israel?" And what does Jesus say? "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority."

Uhhhh huh? No definitive yes or no? No timetable? No real sign to look for? Imagine what that must have felt like. Take a moment and confess before God a time when you asked God for a specific answer, and when He chose not to give it to you, your immediate response was more questioning and anger.

However, Jesus's answer to the disciples doesn't stop there. He concludes by saying, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Our perfect Creator has perfect timing. His call to us is the same as his call to the disciples, not to spend our time worrying about when he will return, but to be faithful till that time to share the good news of the gospel everywhere that we go by the power of the Holy Spirit.

So when you find yourself in a season or a moment of waiting, consider how God may be using that time to help you grow in faith and learn to be a more faithful follower of Him.

## Jesus Strong And Kind

## May Your Power Rest On Me

## Sermon

## Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

## Firm Foundation (He Won't)

## Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

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## **Benediction**

You may be seated. Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus.

**Family Groups** - We invite you to visit one of our Family Groups, which meet in homes throughout the week. We describe them as "intentional environments to be transformed by the gospel through relationships. If you would like to join one of them, there is info in the hallway, or talk with one of us, and we'll make a direct connection for you.

**Giving & Visitors** - Also, now is our time for giving—ushers, please come forward. If you are a visitor with us this morning, please grab a visitor card from the basket so we can get to know you more. You can give it to someone with a lanyard or leave it in your seat.

Antioch members, remember that giving is part of how we participate in God's mission. If you prefer to give digitally, visit our website or find us on GivApp.

### **Announcements**

For everyone, here are a few ways to take the following steps:

1) The Soccer Clinic will be on the four Saturdays in April from 2-5 pm there is a signup link on the social media. We would love it if you could serve. We would also love for a family group to adopt each week. See Marcus if you have any questions.

2) Antioch Academy Seeks to develop intentional gospel relationships through the regular practice of learning in community.

This spring, we are focusing on our identity as worshippers. Please join us for a three week book study through Tremper Longman's, *How to Read the Psalms*. The class will begin at 9:15 in the training room and run from 4/14-4/28. If you are interested, please register for the class using the sign-up sheet near the auditorium doors, or register at [antiochpeople.org/classes](http://antiochpeople.org/classes)

3) This May, Antioch will be offering a Preaching Lab to anyone interested in preaching. This is a great opportunity to to learn more about preaching and the process of developing and delivering a sermon. This year's Preaching Lab will focus on Preaching the Psalms. The class will begin at 8:30 in the training room and run from 5/5-5/26. Unlike our other classes, this is a strict four week commitment. If you are interested, please register for the class using the sign-up sheet near the auditorium doors, or register at [antiochpeople.org/classes](http://antiochpeople.org/classes)

If you have questions, please see Tanner Williams.

4) Food Pantry is next Saturday, April 20th. Our goal is to open the doors at 9:30, which means we need at least 3-4 adults on-site by 9:25 or so. We will distribute boxes out the front door this month so if you felt left out last month, come on back and we will put you to work!

Box prep will be Friday morning at 9:30. See Shannon or Sarah for details.

A big thanks to the many Antioch members who have answered our calls for boxes, bags, and help with food pickup. Those things may not feel like the Lord's work, but you're supporting a ministry that is proclaiming the Gospel in English and Spanish to at least 60-80 people from around the world every single month.

5) Remember to pick up a Who's Your One card on the side table.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and end with a benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing.

Church, let us go from here remembering that this is true: Christ came, he lived a perfect life, he died for our sin, he rose again on the 3rd day, and now he sits at the right hand of the Father who promises to one day make his enemies his footstool. Who promises that Christ will one day shatter kings and his people will follow him freely on the day he comes in victory. Our High Priest will forever sit on the throne in glory, and one day, we'll get to share in that glory. Amen.

Adapted from Psalm 110

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

You are sent.

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