



ACTS

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HIS CHURCH

A Church Built on Trust | Acts 1:12-26

MAIN POINT

Jesus moves the church forward
by building trust within His people





SCENE 1

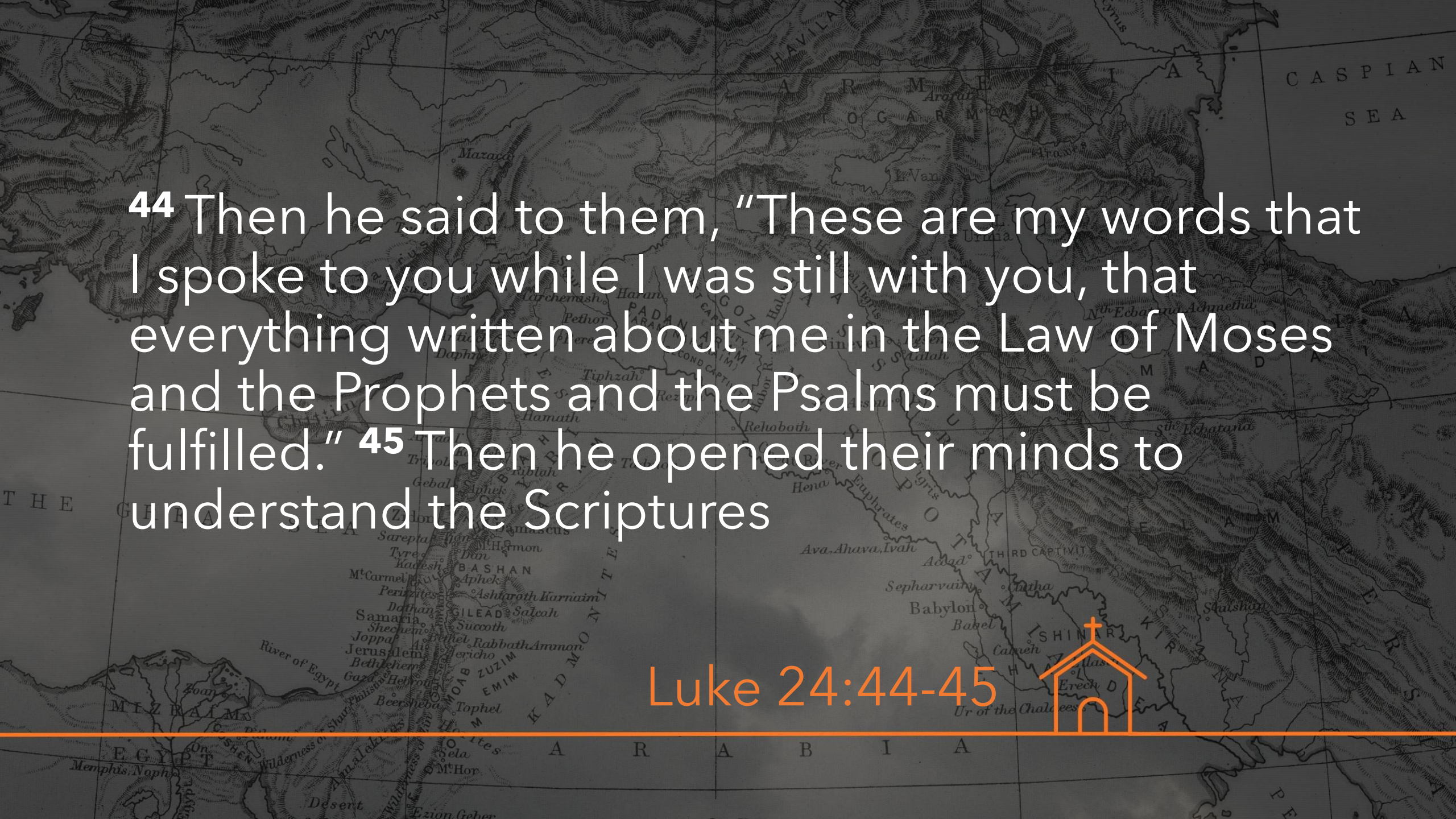
A People Soon to be Filled
with the Spirit (12-14)

APPLICATION

We can trust God's promises when
faced with seasons of waiting

SCENE 2

A Plan Needing to be Fulfilled by the Scriptures (15-20)



44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures

Luke 24:44-45



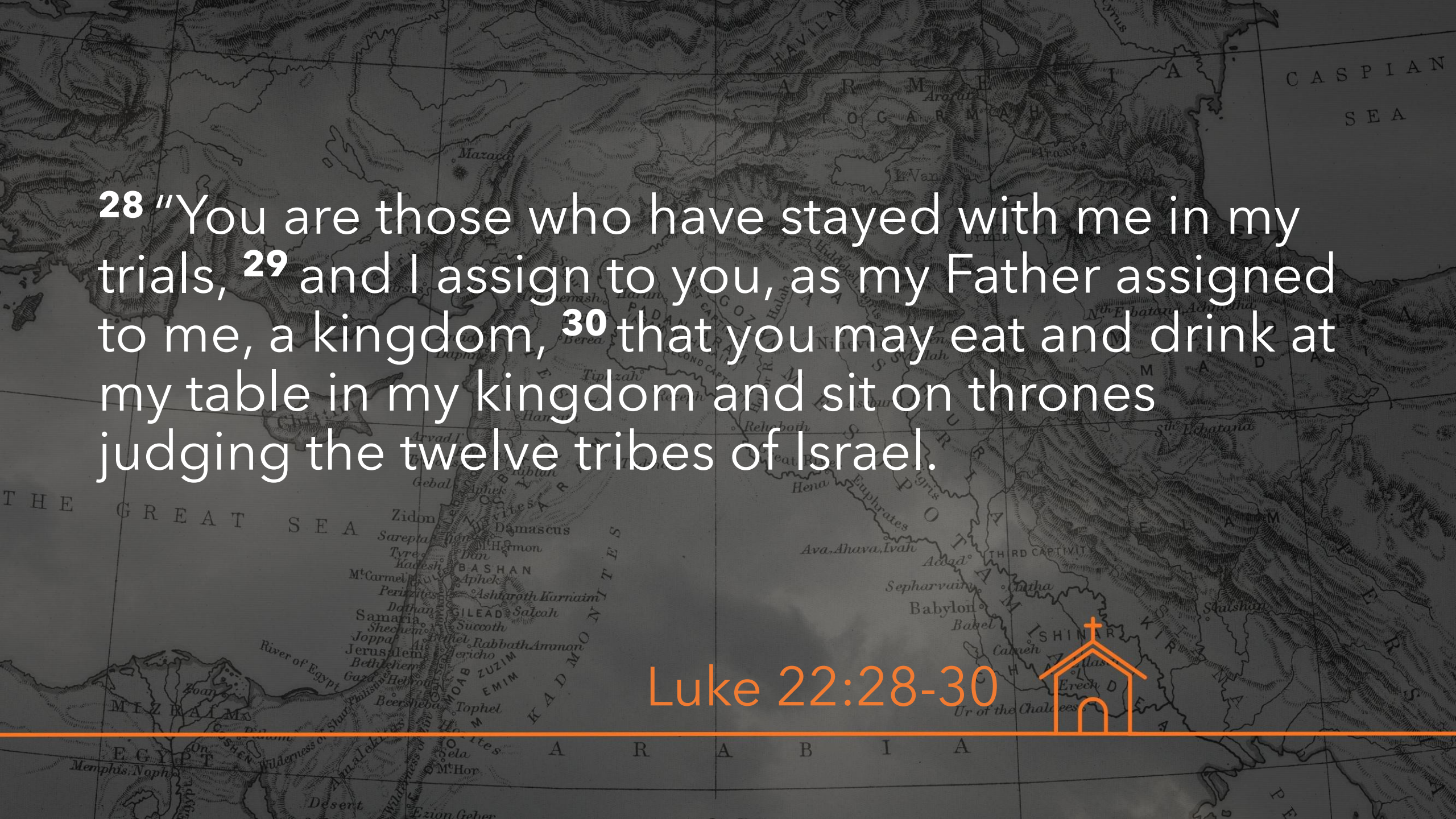
APPLICATION

We can trust God's purposes even
when it seems like evil is winning



SCENE 3

A Position Finally Refilled
through Divine Selection (21-28)



28 "You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, **29** and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, **30** that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Luke 22:28-30





14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Revelation 21:14



APPLICATION

We can trust God's provision
especially when seeking His will



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“NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER AT WORK WITHIN US, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS, FOREVER AND EVER.”

3:20-21

— Today's Sermon ————— 2-8-26 —

"A Church Built on Trust"
Acts 1:12-26 – Pastor Scott Gnuse

MAIN POINT: Jesus moves the church forward by building trust within His people.

Scene 1: A people soon to be filled with the Spirit (12-14)

Application: We can trust God's _____ when faced with _____ of _____.

Scene 2: A plan needing to be fulfilled by the Scriptures
(15-20)

Application: We can trust God's _____ even when it _____ like evil is _____.

Scene 3: A position finally refilled through divine selection
(21-28)

Application: We can trust God's _____ especially when _____ His _____.

Growing Deeper

1. What do we learn about the nature of the Christian community from this text? What were their attitudes and habits? How should we seek to imitate these today?
2. When have you found yourself in a significant season of waiting? How have the promises of God sustained and strengthened you? What did this do for your trust in His good purposes for your life?
3. What does a passage like this do for your confidence in the reliability of the Bible? What about the sovereignty of God in all things? How does this provide you with hope in a world where it often feels like evil is winning?
4. How do Christians discover God's will today? Can we know His will? How can we have peace in the decisions we make?

Heart Preparation: Prepare your heart for worship on 02/15 by reading and meditating on Acts 2:1-13.

Prayer Prompt: Gracious Lord, I praise you for your sovereign rule and reign over this world. Thank you that the schemes of men can never triumph over your good plans for the church. Help me to trust you in every area of my life, so that I may help your church move toward greater health and stability. Amen.

Reaching Farther

Family: As a family, discuss how the Bible helps us see God's plan to triumph over evil. Help them see that the actions of Judas were not a wrinkle in God's plan but an essential part of it. Use this as an opportunity to teach them how God wins in the end, even if we don't see those victories in the moment.

Community: Before the church was officially "the church," they were a people committed to prayer and holiness. What changes do you need to make to better prepare your heart to be an effective witness for Jesus in this world?