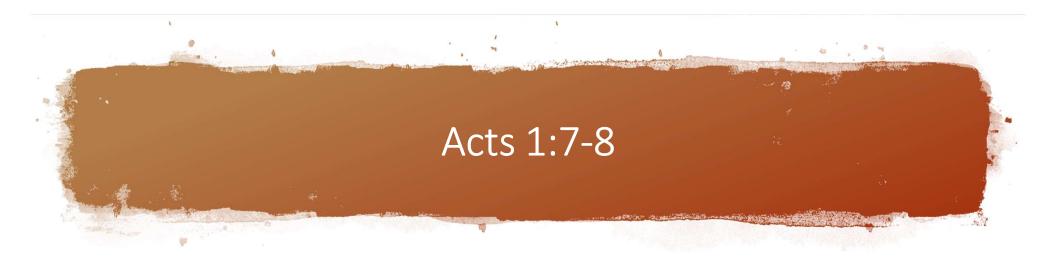


Acts 1:4-6

⁴ And being assembled together with *them,* He (Jesus) commanded them (followers of Jesus) not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said,* "you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"



⁷ And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:9-11

Now when He (Jesus) had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."



¹⁴ These all (followers of Jesus) <u>continued with</u> <u>one accord in prayer and supplication</u>, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

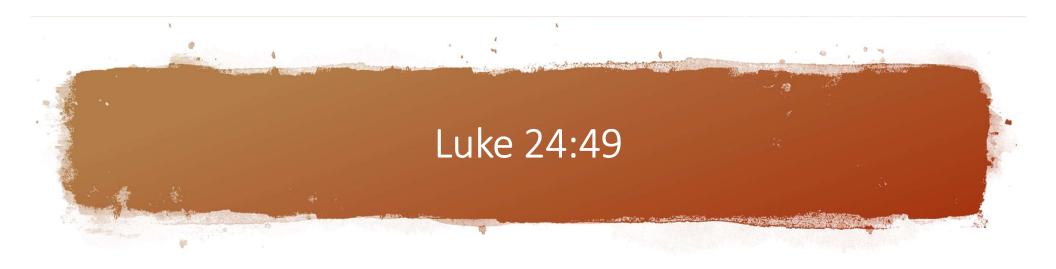
Preparing for Pentecost

- With one accord "with one mind, with one accord, with one passion."
- In prayer "prayer addressed to God."
- Supplication-"a seeking, asking, entreating, to God."



Acts 2:1-4

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.



⁴⁹ Behold, I (Jesus) send the Promise of My Father (Holy Spirit) upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."



⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Pentecost The church being empowered by the Holy Spirit to be witnesses to all of humanity.

Acts 2:5-8

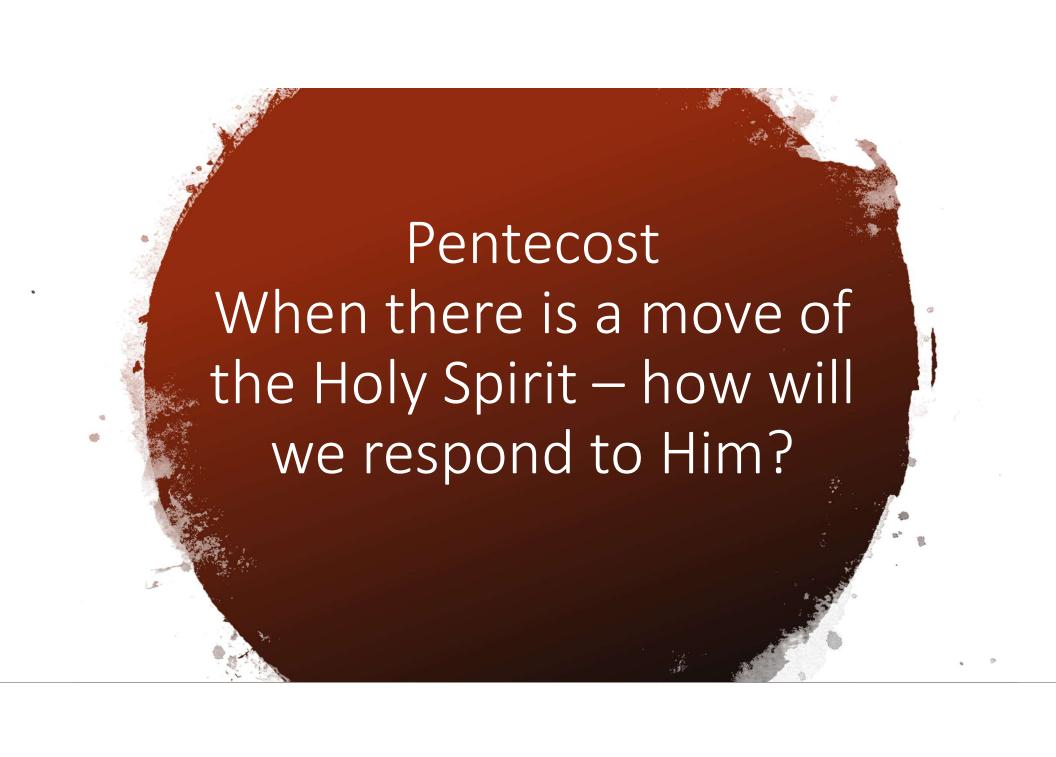
⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in <u>bewilderment</u>, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly <u>amazed</u>, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

Acts 2:9-12

⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them <u>declaring the wonders of God</u> in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ Some, however, <u>made fun of them</u> and said, "They have had too much wine."

Discern with Jesus...

- Jesus, is this a distraction keeping me from following or know you?
- Jesus, is this a moment of discovery where I get to learn and grow?
- Jesus, is this a divine opportunity where you are working in my life? Inviting me in?



Pentecost

- •We as the Church can come together with one PASSION for Jesus Christ, talking, seeking, and asking of God.
- •We as the Church are empowered by the Holy Spirit to be witnesses of Jesus to all of humanity.
- •We as the Church partner with the Holy Spirit in how we will respond to Him.