

Bible study for the week starting June 19, 2022

## SHARE

1. This week is Trinity Sunday. What's the hardest concept for you to grasp about who God is: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? What helps you understand Him best?

## **READ/STUDY/DISCUSS**

- 2. Read Deuteronomy 28:1-6, 15, 64-67. God has blessings in store for those who choose life and warnings for those who reject Him. As we get to Pentecost and see a "diaspora" (scattering) of God's people all over the known world, we can't say God didn't warn them. The assigned reading for Pentecost Sunday was Genesis 11:1-9 (the tower of Babel). How do we see God's long-term planning playing out even in how He aligned the events of Pentecost?
- 3. Read Luke 10:17-24. Jesus gave the apostles a few samples of what it would be like after His ascension and then Pentecost, when they would be "sent out" ('Apostle' means 'sent one') to the world. How does Jesus frame the amazing things in which the apostles and evangelists will get to take part?
- 4. Read Acts 2:1-13. In these verses, we get some of the context for Pentecost, what would become known as the birthday of the Christian Church. As you re-read this story that by now might seem familiar, what sticks out to you in a new way? If you were ranking the Holy Spirit miracles on Pentecost, what was the most important work of the Spirit that day?
- 5. When the believers started "telling the mighty works of God" across language barriers, what were the different reactions? What would your reaction have been?
- 6. Why tongues of fire?
- PRAY
  - 7. The miracle of Pentecost was a clear Gospel witness. Pray for God to give you opportunities to practice this, as well as the courage not to let these opportunities pass us by.



The God Who Acts: When the Day of Pentecost Arrived... Acts 2:1-13 June 19, 2022 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

This week: What <u>HAPPENED</u>? Next week: What did he <u>SAY</u>?

The 3 Pilgrimage Festivals: all had to do with both the <u>EXODUS</u> and <u>AGRICULTURE</u>.

The UPPER room was the site of some prettty fantastic events.

There were a couple reasons people were scattered:

- 1. BABEL (Genesis 11); and
- 2. Israel had FALLEN.

How are we hearing the mighty works of God spoken by people who don't know our language?

For some, it got their <u>ATTENTION</u>; others were just <u>PERPLEXED</u>; others <u>MOCKED</u> them.

Pentecost was a <u>TANGIBLE</u>, <u>VISIBLE</u> expression of the promise of God.

God loves you enough to give you <u>**REMINDERS**</u> along the way – not <u>**IF**</u> but <u>**WHEN**</u> it's really tough – that He's right here in the trenches with you.

It's not tragic to fall short of <u>PERFECTION</u>; the tragedy is when you don't <u>TRY</u> at all.

We might be looking for the <u>FANTASTIC</u>, but God promises the <u>FAITHFUL</u>.