



Bible study for the week starting May 23, 2021

Pentecost – Acts 2:1-41

PREPARE & SHARE

1. Please be CAREFUL ... what if you prayed for the presence of the Holy Spirit today and noise, tongues, and fire showed up????? No, we don't expect God, the Holy Spirit, to manifest Himself in those ways today, but that doesn't mean we don't expect miracles. After praying please go around and share some highs and lows, especially with the lens of what is God up to in your life.

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

2. Please review the message on Pentecost and discuss any questions or special attentions that it raised in you.
3. When a newspaper posed the question, what's wrong with the world? The Catholic theologian G.K. Chesterton reportedly wrote a brief letter in response: "Dear sirs: I am. Sincerely yours, GK Chesterton." And isn't that exactly what the message was reminding us this week? Read and discuss these additional quotes on the topic: "Don't ever forget that a small group of thoughtful people can change the world, it's the only thing that ever has." -Aaron Sorkin It is not you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when my Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." - Jesus The Christ "I feel that the best companies are started not because the founder wanted a company but because the founder wanted to change the world.-Mark Zuckerberg Many people have longed to change the world, but only Jesus set about to change eternity. In Acts 2, God is taking those promised "next steps" to truly change the world.
4. Please read again Acts 2:1-41 keeping an eye out for this answer: "What Old Testament judgments are overcome and how? (hint: Genesis 11:1-9)"
5. What are the three questions in verses 5-12? How are they answered by the crowd? How are they answered by Peter?
6. Verse 36 summarizes all that Peter has stated with a pair of truths. What are those two? Thinking about the audience (remember, the DEVOUT), why would both of these statements be such a shock?
7. What was the crowd's response? Discuss together what the phrase, "cut to the heart" means to you. Can you remember and share a time when you were "cut to the heart"?
8. Discuss the profound contradiction of verse 40.

PRAY FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER



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May 23, 2021 – Pastor D. R. Hilken

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews,
DEVOUT men from every nation under heaven --- Acts 2:5

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The devout FIRST

The devout need the GOSPEL

- a) Jesus' life
- b) Jesus' sacrifice
- c) Jesus' death is my responsibility
- d) Jesus' RESURRECTION is my HOPE

The Gospel for the devout means two promises offering
past, present, and future ASSURANCE

- a) Forgiveness
- b) The Holy Spirit

"Together these constitute the freedom for which men are searching;
freedom from guilt, defilement, judgment, and self-centeredness, and
freedom to be the persons God made and meant us to be." -- John Stott

Even the devout are expected to respond

- a) Conviction – admission of guilt of sinful behavior
- b) Repentance – stopping the sinful behavior
- c) Baptism in faith for your past, present, and future

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