Lesson Title: God's Got An Announcement

Key Verses: Acts 2:1-4 (NKJV)

Summary

The sermon emphasizes the significance of Pentecost as a pivotal moment in the Christian calendar, marking the empowerment of the Holy Spirit upon believers to fulfill God's mission by being His witnesses. It calls for the church to be inclusive, kingdom-minded, and actively engaged in spreading the gospel while being filled with the Holy Spirit's power and fire.

Key Takeaways

- 1. Pentecost is not just about empowerment, but also God's announcement of the type of church He wants to use.
- 2. God's fire represents His approval and choice of who He will use.
- 3. The church God is using today is:
 - a. A church of disciples, not just spectators
 - b. A church of both anointed men and women
 - c. A kingdom-minded church focused on the Great Commission
 - d. A church that believes in the continuous work of the Holy Spirit

Discussion Questions

- 1. How does the concept of Pentecost as described in this sermon challenge or expand your understanding of the Holy Spirit's role in the church today?
- 2. The sermon emphasizes being a disciple rather than a mere spectator. How can we practically shift from being spectators to active disciples in our daily lives?
- 3. How does knowing we are called to be a "kingdom of priests" impact our identity as Christians and inform our purpose in daily living?

Practical Applications

- 1. This week, identify one area where you can move from being a spectator to an active disciple. Share your plan with the group.
- 2. Spend time in prayer asking God to fill you with the Holy Spirit and empower you for His mission.
- 3. Look for opportunities to share the gospel or encourage someone in their faith this week.
- 4. Reflect on any fears or hesitations you have about being used by God. Bring these to Him in prayer and ask for His boldness.