

Sermon Discussion Questions

Pentecost Sunday – Matt Slocum
28 May 2023
Sermon Text: Acts 1:4-8, 2:1-4

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

Today is Pentecost Sunday and we will be looking at the gifts that the outpouring of the Spirit gives us.

Discipleship is about knowing God's word and operating in His power. If you are not flowing in the gifts, today is the day to lay down any hinderances and step into a new season with the Lord. Think about what is keeping you from being fully immersed in the things of God and how the gifts the Spirit gives us brings heaven closer to earth.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were challenged to put into practice some of the steps you came up with to live a life wholly integrated with God. What did you come up with and were you able to give anything a try? How did it work out?

2. Is there something that really jumped out at you from Matt's message?

3. Matt said that we often feel under-whelmed in our experience with Jesus. That we are not overly excited about our life in Christ. Why do you think that is? Why do you think we feel under-whelmed?

4. Sometimes people are hesitant to experience the power of the Holy Spirit because they are not sure if it's authentic or counterfeit. How can we know if something is counterfeit? (Do you remember how he said they train Treasury Agents to detect counterfeit bills?)

5. The main hinderance to our experiencing the Holy Spirit is that we are guarded and closed. We don't want to open ourselves up to God. Is there something in your life where you have put up a defense that is keeping the Holy Spirit out?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What did graduating from high school mean to you? If you haven't yet graduated, what do you think it will mean to you?

2. What is one of your favorite summertime memories?

3. If money wasn't an issue, where would you go for your dream vacation?

APPLICATION

Spend some time this week praying for the manifested presence and power of the Holy Spirit to come upon you. When that happens, be prepared to feel it in your body. Share with your group what you encountered with the Holy Spirit this week.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on at NWC, go to <https://nwckc.com> or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Study materials are also available on the website or Facebook page.

Youth Summer Camp, 19-24 June, Eagle Sky Camp, Piedmont, MO. Cost is \$525. See website for more details and to register.

New Wine Kids Camp at PowerPlay, 12-14 July, 10 am to 2 pm. Ages 4 through 5th grade. Cost is \$75. See website for more details and to register.

FINAL THOUGHT

Biblical discipleship is about learning to walk in the power of the Spirit.