

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These discussion questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. You can use them for your personal Bible study, family study, and/or small group study.

Overview

Sermon: *Poured Out*

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. - Isaiah 44:3

God promised his people that he would pour out his Spirit. With the prophet Joel, God said, “I will pour out my Spirit on all people.” In Acts 2, when Israel was gathered for the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) the Holy Spirit fell upon the followers of Jesus and the crowds heard them speak in each of their own languages. The disciples and Peter were telling the people of the wonders of God and the salvation that comes through Jesus Christ.

This is what is known as the birth of the church but more importantly it was the day when the driving force for God’s mission was released upon the earth. The Holy Spirit poured out meant the gospel would be poured out in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the Earth.

Discussion

1. What has been your experience with the Holy Spirit? What do you know about the Spirit? How would you describe your relationship with the Spirit?
2. Read Joel 2:28-32 & Acts 2. Why did God want to pour out his Spirit on all people? From Joel 2 and Acts 2, who is included in “all people”? What does this teach us? How is the power of the Spirit necessary for the witness of the gospel for all people today?
3. Why do many people talk about the Spirit of God with caution? What would it look like to talk about him with conviction? How have you witnessed the power of the Spirit at work in the life of God’s people today? How have you witnessed the power of the Spirit in your life?
4. Read 1 John 4:1-2. Testing the spirits leads to obeying the Spirit. We need to do more testing and less taming. The Holy Spirit is to be our guide. What is something that you need to test? Where do you need to step out in faith and follow the Spirit?
5. The Holy Spirit led the disciples to share the good news of Jesus in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. What did the Holy Spirit do in Acts 10 and 15:28-29 to make sure the Jews knew that the Gentiles were included?

Application

6. You may be given knowledge about the mission of Jesus but why is it necessary to be empowered by the Spirit?

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7. Where might you be apathetic towards God's mission to share the hope of the gospel in the world? Where might you be asleep, stuck, or sluggish in your faith? Pray for a fresh pouring of the Spirit so that you and others might become awakened and set free.