

GOING DEEPER
May 30 & 31, 2020

Title: Never the Same – Pentecost

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Text: Acts 2:1-13

Discussion Questions:

The disciples have been waiting. They have been expectant. God moves with wind, fire and inspired speech, preparing the way for the Church to be established.

LOOK AT THE WORD

Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability (Acts 2:2-4)

In what other circumstances do you see wind, fire or inspired speech coming from God?

(Hint: see Exodus 3, Exodus 13, Numbers 9, Genesis 8, Exodus 14, Job 38, Psalm 135:7, Psalm 104:4, 1 Kings 19, Hebrews 1:7, etc.)

When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. (Acts 2:6)

What is the significance of hearing the Gospel in your own language?

But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying “They’re just drunk, that’s all!” (Acts 2:13)

Isaiah 44:25 and 1 Corinthians 1:18 & 3:19 are passages that refer to foolishness. If some doubted at Pentecost and viewed what was happening as drunkenness or foolishness, what is the modern day equivalent as the Gospel is preached?

LOOK INWARD

The Holy Spirit’s presence and power is absolutely and utterly essential.

The Holy Spirit will change you by growing and forming the character of Christ in you, equip you to contribute to the building up of the Church and enable you to communicate the story of Jesus with your words and with your life.

What is one area where you would like the Holy Spirit to form you into the character of Christ? What is your biggest challenge in following Christ. Pray that He would move in your heart & mind today. (Read Romans 7:18-20 to remind yourself of Wayne’s message)

What is one spiritual gift you know that the Holy Spirit has activated in you? How are you using it today? How do you hope to use it this week?

LOOK OUTWARD

ONLY GOD

What would “unlimited power and intimate presence of God coming to earth in the Person of the Holy Spirit” look like today in your reality? What is within your imagination? What would exceed your expectations and why?

How could the Holy Spirit at work in your life have an effect on others in your sphere of influence? What could God activate in you?

SO WHAT

The Holy Spirit was sent for the fullness of the Christian life and for your equipping. He was ALSO sent (especially in Acts 2) for the glory of God and so others would see, hear and believe. Pray that God would show you your fullness in Him, your place in the Church and the others in your life that need to see, hear and believe.

Wondering about your spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit? Visit: <http://www.spiritualgiftstest.com> for a start, and then plan to participate our Spiritual Gifts Learning Lab as soon as possible.

NEVER STOP PRAYING

- *Praise God that He sends His Holy Spirit into our midst*
- *Praise God for His faithfulness and presence during these times of uncertainty*
- *Praise God for Abigail's recovery process, for Isla's successful brain surgery, and God's provision for Rebecca & Asher for a place to live.*
- *Thank God for the way He is providing for you in these challenging circumstances*
- *Intercede for our businesses as they develop new guidelines in opening; keep them safe and healthy.*
- *Pray for God's healing on developing health issues this week for Karen MacKay & Ken Thompson*
- *Pray for our Next Gen team as they make summer plans for kids, youth and their families*
- *Pray for the mental health of our community as despair and anxiety arise and, in certain circumstances, suicidal thoughts arise*
- *Pray for all the churches in Kelowna as they make plans for summer ministry in their communities*

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