



5.31.20: Pentecost Sunday Home Discussion Guide

Scripture: Acts 2:1-13

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!" They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?" Others jeered at them, saying, "They're full of new wine!"

Choose 1 person in your group to read the passage aloud or take turns reading different verses. Then discuss the following questions as a group.

1. Scripture tells us that as the believers gathered behind closed doors experienced the coming of Holy Spirit for the first time. Each of them gained what Pastor Katrina called "supernatural translating powers." Yet the crowds that began to gather were split. Some wondered the deeper meaning behind what they were seeing, others thought people were just drunk! Imagine what it would be like to be there. What would you think? What would you feel?
2. Pastor Katrina said, "The Holy Spirit is not an easy concept to explain. It's mysterious and invisible. It's something to be experienced rather than taught. Maybe that's why scripture writers explain it in such tangible tactile forces, like Wind, and Fire, and Water. For me the most powerful reminder of the Holy Spirit has always come through wind." Have you experienced the Holy Spirit? If so, how?
3. Pastor Katrina challenged us saying, "I dare you to tell someone your story of what God means to you, today. Of what the Church means to you. Tell your story of struggle or triumph and don't leave out the God stuff. Because we all have a story to tell." How do you feel about sharing your story? Have you done it before?
4. Will you take Pastor Katrina's dare? If so, who will you share with and how? Make a plan before you leave worship today!

Ask your group to share ways you can be praying for one another. Choose one or more person(s) to close the group in prayer.