

Message Summary: Today is Pentecost Sunday. In Jewish tradition, Pentecost was a celebration of when the Law was given to Moses at Sinai 50 days after the first Passover. Pentecost celebrated that: 1) The Law was given in stone. 2) God presented a Covenant with His people that offered blessings and the fullness of His presences. 3) Pentecost also marked the beginning of the Harvest Season. In Acts 2, the Holy Spirit came to earth in fulfillment of the promise of the Father and now it's a spiritual norm for every Christian to experience Pentecost everyday.

Personal Pentecost

Acts 2:1-13

1. Spiritual language is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

A. The gift of speaking in other tongues follows salvation.

John 16:7; John 20:21-22; Acts 1:4-5; Acts 2:38-39; Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

B. Holy Spirit of God is involved in the gift of tongues.

Luke 11:13; 1 Corinthians 14:2, 1 Corinthians 14:14

C. Prayer with the laying on of hands is the pathway.

Acts 8:14-17; Acts 9:17; Acts 19:6; Luke 11:13

2. Benefits of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

A. Holy Spirit allows us to PRAY beyond our understanding.

Romans 8:26-27; 1 John 5:14-15; 1 Corinthians 14:14-15

B. Holy Spirit allows us to OBEY beyond our understanding.

John 14:12-17; Galatians 5:16; Galatians 5:22-23; Jude 20

C. Holy Spirit allows us to PRAISE beyond our understanding.

John 4:23-24; 1 Corinthians 14:15-17; Ephesians 5:18-19

LifeGroup QUESTIONS:

BEGIN IT- (5 Min) Praising the Lord & pray that God leads the study.

OPEN IT- (10 min) If you saw the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, how do you think you would have responded? Why?

EXPLORE IT- (60 min) Review Sunday's Sermon outline together and add any notes people have about the message as the group reviews.

1. Why should Christians be filled with the Holy Spirit?
2. What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit?
3. Describe a time you were challenged to being filled with the Holy Spirit?
4. What reactions did you experience when you were filled with the Holy Spirit?
5. How can we cultivate sensitivity to the Holy Spirit?

APPLY IT- (15 min) Before you conclude your LifeGroup, pray with those wanting to be filled (baptized) with the Holy Spirit. See Luke 11:13 for prayer support.