

May 31, 2009

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2

Begin your small group time with prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to be present with you in a new way.

READ Acts 2:1-4

What do you think the disciples felt as they experienced what is described in these verses?

Why do you think the Spirit came in the images of wind and fire?

READ Acts 2:5-13

What do you think the people in the crowd felt?

Why do you think the Spirit moved in this way?

READ Acts 2:42-47

What do you notice in these verses that stands out as something important?

How is the activity of the Holy Spirit different here from in the previous sections of scripture?

RESURRECTION IN OUR REALITY

What about the dramatic actions of the Holy Spirit described in these verses scares you? What about it intrigues you?

What is your understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in your life? How is it similar or different from what you see in these verses?

Have you ever had an experience similar to Janeen's "Hot Hand" story? If so, describe what happened; how you responded and what you felt.

In what ways do you experience fellowship and community similar to what is described in verses 42-47?

In what ways do you feel challenged to help the church be more like what is described here?

PRAY TOGETHER!

Invite the Holy Spirit to be alive in you individually and as a group; to heal your own brokenness and to use you to restore the brokenness in the places you go.

NOTES FOR WHAT'S NEXT

Read the entire book of Acts this week. Make note of the actions of the Holy Spirit in the life of the early church and how the people respond. Watch for the actions of the Holy Spirit in your life. Ask yourself how you are being invited to respond.

This is the last Sermon-based Small Group Guide until fall.

Summer Sermon Series:

The Great Prayer Book – A sermon series on praying the book of Psalms

You might choose to read Psalm a day or read the Psalm from the sermon every day of that week.