
[SERMON NOTES]

The Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13)

Passover (the remembrance of the sacrificial lamb) : celebration of being _____
_____ with God

Pentecost (the remembrance of receiving God's Law) : celebration of _____
_____ with God (*Exodus 19:16-19*)

These are not _____ languages being spoken, but languages unknown
to the _____.

Peter's Sermon (Acts 2:14-41)

Peter addressed something important they missed (v. 14-21), revealed to them the message of
Jesus (v. 22-28), so that the Spirit may move them to action (v.29-41).

_____ > Action
- Our society wants a good _____, but rarely a good _____.
- _____ --> Action

The Response Births the Church (2:42-47)

The church is transformed _____, living _____ lives,
transforming the _____.

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time
or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

We have all heard stories, or have personal experiences, at some point in our lives of things that
are "impossible to explain." Something happens and there is no good explanation for it. Perhaps
it is something miraculous. Maybe someone is healed of a disease and doctors can't explain
why. Or someone survives something that they shouldn't have. Perhaps it is an incredible act of
generosity that wasn't expected. **Share a time in your life, or share a story that you are
familiar with, of a time something like that happened. Something that simply has no good
explanation of how or why it happened.**

[DIGGING DEEPER]

In Acts chapter 2 the disciples experienced something miraculous that was difficult to explain.
They were filled with the Holy Spirit that enabled them to speak other languages so that others

may know the truth of the resurrection and the good news of Jesus Christ. This was just *one of* different roles that are described in Scripture of the role of the Holy Spirit. ***What roles of the Holy Spirit are you familiar with? What might you say is the purpose of the Holy Spirit?***

Read Acts 2:37-39. After Peter addresses the crowd in his sermon, this is his call to action. “Repent and be baptized. Receive the Holy Spirit!” ***In the space below, write out descriptions for what those 3 things mean. Try to be specific.***

Read Romans 6:1-14 and 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. These passages provide a helpful backdrop to the gospel message Peter preaches in Acts 2. ***How do these verses further help people understand what it means to be transformed by the grace of Jesus?***

Read Acts 2:42-47. It is here that we receive a great description for what the life of a Jesus follower looks like. ***Circle and write down the different practices that these people did as they followed Jesus.***

The list you just made is full of practical steps for us to follow Jesus. Some of the list will need to be contextualized. But, out of the practices that you listed above...***what is one area that you do well in and what is one area that you need to grow? How do you plan to do that?***

Following Jesus isn't as complicated as we sometimes make it out to be. That doesn't mean it isn't difficult or challenging (in fact you can count on it to be!) - but it isn't complicated. It starts with faithful obedience. Last Sunday, Eric talked about how the right step of obedience is the next one. ***With Acts 2 as a backdrop in your mind, what do you sense the Holy Spirit is leading you towards as your “next step of obedience?”***

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible and READ (Reflect, Examine, Apply, Do).

Colossians 3:1-17

John 14:15-31

John 15:26-16:15

Romans 8:1-17