Bible Study Pentecost - Acts 2:1-21

The name Pentecost originates from the Greek word for 'fiftieth', which was applied to the fiftieth day after Passover. In Jewish custom it was the culmination of the feast of weeks (Exodus 34:22. Deut 16:10), and was one of the great pilgrimage feasts of Judaism. In the Christian church Pentecost is the anniversary of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Opening Questions:

- Described a time in your life where you have experienced or felt God's presence in a real way, personal to you?
- 2. When you think of the Holy Spirit what comes to mind?

Read Acts 2:1-21

1. How was the Holy Spirit active before Pentecost? (Genesis 1:2, Numbers 11:17; 27:18; Judges 3:10;1 Samuel 10:9-13)

2. Read Ezekiel 36:24-29. What similarities do we see between this passage and Acts 2:1-21

3. Imagine you were part of this gathering of disciples. The Holy Spirit comes upon you and you begin to share the gospel with total strangers in a language you have never previously studied. How would you explain all this to a friend who was not present to witness the event?

| 4. | What is the significance of the different countries represented? A. What does this mean to the continuing mission of the church? |
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| | What do you think the significance is of the apostles being able to speak in multiple languages? What is the significance of this miracle today? |
| | Why do you think that Peter uses the Old Testament to explain the Gospel? Del 2:28 - 32) |
| | What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the mission of the church today zekiel 37:10, Genesis 2:7, Galatians 5:19-23) |
| 8. | Do all Christians receive the Holy Spirit? (Romans 8:9, 1 Cor 12:3) A. How do we access His presence and power? Luke 11:13 |
| P 6 | ersonal Reflection: Why is the Holy Spirit so important in the teaching of the church and in our lives? |
| 2. | Do you believe in the power of the Holy Spirit to work in and change people's lives? |