



You're Welcome Here!

Study Guide Pentecost Sunday 23 May 2021

Acts 1. 4 *On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'... 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'*

1. In addition to the passage above, please also read **Mark 1.9-15** and **Matthew 28.18-20**. How would you describe the disciples' need for the coming and the power of the Spirit?

Please read Acts 2.1-11

2. How are wind and fire connected with the Holy Spirit in scripture?
3. If you sense your own need of the fire of the Spirit in your life, or the wind of Spirit in your sails – please take time now to ask and receive - Jesus said in Luke 11.13 *If you know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.*
4. Remembering God's promise to Abraham in Gen 12 - that all nations will be blessed through his seed - why is this Pentecost moment and the praising of God by the 120 (in many languages) so significant to God's promise?

Please read Acts 2.12-21

5. Whilst Pentecost was a unique 'first-fruits' event at the birth of the church, the prophecy of Joel indicates characteristics which will be associated with the outpouring of the Spirit in the last days. How do you compare Joel's expectation with your own expectation for life lived 'in the Spirit'?
6. On Sunday, I mentioned two possible responses to v21: *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*
 - a. Saved from the unbelief of rejecting or mocking Jesus, which leads to eternal separation from God.
 - How might you share the simple gospel with the invitation of v21 this week with someone who needs it?
 - b. Saved from the bondage and coldness of Luke-warmness towards God. Like the Church at Laodicea – Rev 3. 19 *Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. 20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.*
 - Do you need to respond to Jesus' loving rebuke?