

The Coming of the Holy Spirit  
Acts 2:1-13

Lessons from Pentecost

**I. God is ALWAYS faithful (v. 1-4)**

- a. Present (God *has* been...)
  - i. Jn. 16:7 Acts 1:4-5
- b. Future (God *will* be...)
  - i. Eph. 1:13-14
- c. What does this mean for us?
  - i. God is faithful, even when the circumstances don't look like it. – Stay the course.
  - ii. Witnessing God's faithfulness ought to increase our faith.

**II. God desires personal intimacy (v. 3-4)**

- a. Old Sign of Nearness
  - i. Pillar of Fire
  - ii. Temple – Holy of Holies
- b. New Sign of Nearness
  - i. Ez. 36:24-27
  - ii. 1 Cor. 6:19
- c. What does this mean for us?
  - i. You have full access to God's presence all of the time.
    - 1. Heb. 4:16
  - ii. Intimacy = transformation
    - 1. Rom. 8:9-11

**III. There is no witness without empowerment (v. 5-13)**

- a. Where does the empowerment come from?
  - i. Acts 1:8
- b. What is the result of that empowerment?
  - i. Gratitude
    - 1. Acts 2:38
  - ii. Boldness
    - 1. Peter's Sermon (Acts 2:14-36)
- c. What does this mean for us?
  - i. Gratitude
  - ii. Boldness
    - 1. No fear
    - 2. No pressure

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Briefly share of a time that you truly experienced God in a supernatural way? Where were you? What happened because of it?

We looked a lot at God's faithfulness. What are some things that you do/keep to help you remember these moments?

- How do these "things" help you when it doesn't feel like God is faithful?

How would you describe "new" nearness to God?

- How have you experienced this nearness? What do you do when you cannot feel His nearness?
- How does this intimacy lead to spiritual transformation?

The Holy Spirit's empowerment at Pentecost resulted in gratitude and boldness. What does this look like in our context?

- How does this gratitude fight against entitlement?
- What does it look like to be faithful to God in the realm of boldness?