



## **Sermon Discussion Guide**

### **02.05.23 Message | Keith Ehresman | Acts 2:1-21**

#### **Key Scriptures:**

*When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: "'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'*

- Acts 2:1-21

#### **Message Highlights:**

- In this life, we are often faced with difficult, unforeseen circumstances that don't make sense.
- Pentecost, a traditional harvest feast in ancient Israel, was the day that the Holy Spirit was sent to Earth and poured out onto the disciples; the Spirit's presence brought about new possibilities for the church and the world.



- When we experience God's presence, an overflow of praise and worship occurs and we are emboldened to speak the Gospel message.
- As a church body, Acts teaches us that we are meant to gather together and then be sent out on mission as willing servants of the Holy Spirit.

### **Conversation Starter:**

Consider a time you looked at a piece of art you couldn't make sense of, whether it be by a professional or your favorite toddler. How did you attempt to make sense of it? How were your efforts effective or ineffective?

### **Discuss the Message:**

1. What do you think is the significance of disciples and people of every nation witnessing the Spirit *together* in Acts 2:1-21?
  - a. How have you seen God use community as an opportunity for you to experience the Spirit?
  - b. What next step can you take to cultivate a space that focuses on matters of eternal significance?
2. Keith taught us that when those in our communities and in our lives gather together, there's a reawakening and awareness of what's most important. How have you seen this to be true?
  - a. Do you notice any obstacles in your life or heart that hinder you from your relationship with the Holy Spirit? What are those obstacles?
  - b. How can we, as believers, make ourselves available to be struck like a match, or used by God?
3. Acts 2:1-21 focuses on the Spirit's supernatural abilities. What purpose do you think this miracle served in the text?
  - a. Have you experienced a miracle, big or small, from God in your own life? How has it impacted you?

### **Pray:**

*God, we thank you for the many blessings that you have given us. We are grateful for the ways that you care for us so intentionally and individually, as well as how big and mighty you are. This week, may we commit to sharing the Gospel message and the love of Christ with those around us. Spirit, may you give us courage, love and peace as we pursue others for your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, amen.*