

23 May

Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Pentecost 2021



Let's hear your story

1. Have you ever had to explain to a friend or family member what happened on the day of Pentecost?
2. How did Jesus prepare His people for the coming church? (**Jesus is building His church by sending the Holy Spirit – see John 14 and 16.**)
3. What is the relationship between the Holy Spirit and the church? (**The Holy Spirit empowers the church – see Acts 1:1 – 8.**)
4. How did the church begin? (**The Holy Spirit descends and a sermon is preached – see Acts 2:14 - 41.**)



Let's go deeper

5. What gift was needed for Pentecost day? (**Speaking in tongues**).
6. What are the two tongues mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:1? (**The tongues of men and angels**).
7. According to 1 Corinthians 14:22; what is the sign of tongues? (**Tongues are a sign for unbelievers**).
8. What is baptism? (**See Luke 3:21 – 22; Matt. 28:18 – 20; Acts 2:38**).
9. What is communion? (**see 1 Corinthians 11:27 – 31**).



Let's apply this

9. What are the practical implications of Pentecost?

As the Holy Spirit empowered the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit empowers the life and ministry of every born-again believer. Every born-again believer is empowered to be witnesses of Jesus Christ in partnership with the Holy Spirit. We don't partner with a spirit of fear, revenge, panic, hatred, unbelief or doubt, but with the Holy Spirit.

- Think of your family or workplace, how can you partner with the Holy Spirit to remove enemy gates like; fear, panic or unbelief? (**To be a witness of Jesus and pointing people to Jesus**).

SUMMARY:

- Remembering and celebrating Pentecost Day

Read: Acts 1 and 2

- How did Jesus prepare His people for the coming church?

Read: Matthew 16:18

The church belongs to Jesus, and He knows what's best for the church. Jesus is on the attack; the church is moving forward and it is kicking down gates where demonic work and strongholds are.

Read: John 14:16, 17, 25, 26

Jesus says, He is going away, but He will send the Holy Spirit to be with them.

Read: John 16:7 – 16

Jesus is saying, I'm going to build my church by sending the Holy Spirit.

- What is the relationship between the Holy Spirit and the church?

Read: Acts 1:1 – 5; 8 – 9

The Holy Spirit empowers the life of Christians to continue the ministry of Jesus by the person, presence and power of the Holy Spirit. If you look at the apostles before they got the Holy Spirit, they were denying and doubting Christ, and then they become bold for Christ because the power of the Spirit empowered them for Christian life and ministry.

- How did the church begin?

Read: Acts 2:1 – 6

Jesus went up, the Spirit came down and the church went forth. That's God's movement. Jesus went up, the Spirit came down and the church went forth.

v.14 – 47; This is the birth of the New Testament church. Who brings the New Testament church into existence? The Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit descends and the first thing that happens is that a sermon is preached. The church is birthed and sustained by the preaching of the Word of God.

- What are some of the marks of the church in Acts 2?

Acts 2:2 – 5; Outpouring of the Spirit

Acts 2:6 – 13; Praise (declaring the mighty works of God)

Acts 2:14 – 37; Anointed preaching

Acts 2:38 – 41; Radical salvations

Acts 2:42 – 47; Devotion to Christ

- What is baptism? Luke 3:21 – 22; Matthew 28:18 – 20 and Acts 2:38

- What is communion? 1 Corinthians 11:27 – 31