



Go in His Name

Introduction: The disciples are obediently waiting for the promise of the Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost, the Lord sends the promise to the believers and fills them to faithfully go in his name. The church is birthed and world history will never be the same.

Text: Acts 2:1-21

Discussion:

1. Icebreaker: What gift have you received that you would consider one of your favorite or most special gift? Why was it so meaningful? Discuss/Write
2. Acts 2:1-4. The description of the coming of the Holy Spirit can only be explained as coming from God.
Suddenly—They did not predict or cause the Spirit to come.
From Heaven—Not of man, but God
Mighty rushing wind—the life giving power of God
tongues of fire—the baptism of fire and the presence of God as promised by Jesus
all filled—every believer in the room. Not just some, but all believers are filled (baptized) with the Holy Spirit
other tongues—a miracle in which they spoke in another language other than their own to declare the mighty works of God.
3. Pentecost: The 50th day after Passover. This occurred on a Sunday. Pentecost is the second feast to be celebrated in Judaism and is also called the “Feast of Weeks,” “Feast of the Harvest,” and “the day of Firstfruits.” It is significant that the Lord poured out His Spirit on the day of “firstfruits.” Read Romans 8:23. How does this relate to what happened on the day of Pentecost and this historical event?
4. Peter declares that a prophecy from Joel was fulfilled on that day. What is the importance of God pouring out His Spirit on all flesh?
5. Peter puts history in the category of “last days.” The fact of Jesus’ return is certain. We do not know when He will return, but that He will return. So, how should we live in these last days?
6. “Sons and daughters shall prophesy. This is not a future predictive proclamation. They were forth telling the mighty works of God (See Acts 2:11). All believers are empowered to tell of the works of God, to witness to others about Jesus. How often do you share your faith with others? Who do you need to share the faith with this week?
7. Acts 2:21—What does it mean to call on the name of the Lord? What is the assurance given to those who do?

Think About it:

Believers are filled to faithfully go in his name! The Holy Spirit empowers us to be a witness for the name of Jesus. We are to declare the mighty works of God and invite people to call on the name of the Lord!

Moving Forward:

Make a list of people that need to call upon Jesus. Pray for them daily. Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict them and that he will provide an opportunity for you to witness to them. Invite them to church and ask them to sit with you. Thank God every morning for his mighty salvation and grace. Before going to bed, ask yourself, “Did I go in his name today?”