

# **Pentecost - The Greek Word “Pentekoste” means 50<sup>th</sup> day from Passover – The Festival of Pentecost**

**1• Read Genesis 11:1-9 and Acts 2:1-12. What stands out for you in these stories?**

What stood out for me in Genesis was the Power of Agreement – at the end of Genesis 11:6 God said, “At this rate, nothing they set out to accomplish will be impossible for them” And in Acts All the people of different languages HEARD the Gospel in their own dialect.

**And what questions do these stories raise?**

- a) Does that mean that the Church could accomplish so much if we would stand in agreement with God?
- b) Is that what happens when the world is in agreement with the Antichrist? Unbelievers against the Word of God?
- c) Answer: Look what the believers did when they prayed in the power of the Holy Spirit in Agreement at Pentecost!!! Wow – The Power of Agreement!

**2• In what ways is the tower of Babel story contemporary? That is, in what ways do humans still build towers both literally and figuratively, to make a name for themselves? And in what ways do we still misunderstand each other?**

- a) Are we building God’s Church or our own selfish towers?

**3• What is God’s response to the people in these stories?**

- a) In Genesis God confused and divided their tongues and in Acts empowered them to speak in a way that spoke to them in the power of understanding and agreement.

**4• Read Genesis 2:4-7. How is the God breathing life into the first human similar to the Spirit bringing life to the early church? Wow! What a Powerful Question!!**

a) God breathed life into Adam and then Adam and Eve spiritually died when they were tempted by Satan in the Garden. God had previously said that if you eat of the forbidden fruit, you shall surely die!

b) Then Jesus died for us and sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in us. Jesus said that I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly. (John 10:10) Jesus restored the Breath of Life (Spirit of God) in us.

**What does that tell us about our need for the Spirit? In What ways can the Church become more dependent on the Spirit?**

a) Be Led by the Spirit – Romans 8:14

b) Walk by the Spirit – Gal 5:16

c) Pray in the Spirit – 1 Cor 14:14 & Ephesians 6:18

**5• Not only does Pentecost signal the birth of the church, but it also gives witness to the type of community that God envisions. How is Pentecost a reversal of the tower of Babel? Why is that significant?**

a) The Power of Agreement – We are the Body of Christ!  
Agreement with God and Agreement with each other is Powerful! God has entrusted us with Power from on High!  
Agreeing with the Holy Spirit is agreeing with His Word (Jesus) and agreeing with God our Father in Heaven. The three are one in agreement. When we His Body are in agreement with God – we will be in agreement with each other.

b) WOW! Ephesians 2:16 & 17 Jesus died to reconcile to God both those who were far off and to those who were nearby.

**6• The worship of one God in many languages (and despite our many differences) is both a foretaste of heaven and a profound witness to our fractured world (see Revelation 7:9-10 and Ephesians 2:14-22). How might this shape how you come to worship on Sunday morning?**

Let's all share how we can worship together in light of this teaching.