



## **Dig Deeper @Home – “The Ascended One”**

### **Complement to sermon on May 15 – Day of Pentecost – “The Indwelling Lord”**

#### **MEMORIZE – Acts 1:8**

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

#### **READ Acts 2:1-21**

##### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. Why do you think God waited until Pentecost, a Jewish harvest festival also known as the Feast of Weeks or Harvest to give the Holy Spirit? (Read Deuteronomy 16:9-10)
4. As you read this passage, what would you say was the most impressive evidence of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost? Why tongues of fire? Where else did God show up with fire in the Old Testament? (Read Exodus 19:16-18) What does the fire symbolize?
5. What do you think is the point Peter wants the people to understand about what was happening in Jerusalem? (vv15-18) How do you understand vv. 19-21? What tells you Joel’s prophecy is coming true today?

**Bottom Line (give a one or two sentence summary of the scripture you just read):**

## Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The below is one suggestion for how to experience the truths of Acts 2:1-21. Feel free to use this one or any you might come up with.

### “Jesus Loves You” in Many Languages

One of the amazing miracles of the day of Pentecost was the fact that people from many countries heard the message of the love of Jesus in their own language as the disciples of Jesus spoke in languages they had not previously learned but the Holy Spirit enabled them to speak. See how many languages you can translate the phrase *Jesus Loves You* into. Write them down and put them in a basket. Take turns picking a piece of paper from the basket and practice saying *Jesus Loves You* in different languages.

**SING** (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing)

**Breathe on me, breath of God** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmkzSjs9eAw>

In the Hymnal #216, this song reflects a prayer we can pray to invite God to breathe into our hearts his Holy Spirit.

**Holy Spirit You are Welcome** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFByOX8Fb0M>

When you sing this song, welcome the Holy Spirit into your life and into your living.

## PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and praise reports. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to show up in our lives.

### Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Lord, fill us anew today with the power of your Holy Spirit. Empower us to be your witnesses to those we will meet. Help us to speak the language of the love of Jesus by our words and actions; and claim the promise that “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Amen.