

Sermon Notes, May 23, 2010
Enlivened by the Spirit
Lectionary C, Part 20 of 52
Acts 2:1-21

The president reported that the church role now stood at 120 members . . . _____

THREE POWERS FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. The Power to _____ into the Church.
(Acts 2:1-2 NIV) *When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. {2} Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.*

The Sign: _____

The Old Testament Clue: _____

2. The Power to _____ every Believer.
(Acts 2:3 NIV) *They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.*

The Sign: _____

The Old Testament Clue: _____

3. The Power to _____ to all Nations.
(Acts 2:4 NIV) *All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

The Sign: _____

The Old Testament Clue: _____

(Acts 2:38-39 NIV) *Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. {39} The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call."*

A Step of Faith for 2010. _____

Next Steps.

1. I will ask God to breath life into St. Paul's Church (Wind).
2. I will identify God's calling on my life for this time (Fire).
3. I will ask God to use my tongue to communicate His Gospel to my friends, family and community. (Tongues).
4. I will identify a neighborhood around my home or church where I could do prayer walking and hand out flyers for VBS.

Sermon-based Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of May 23, 2010

Acts 2:1-21

Icebreaker: Have you ever traveled to a place where you did not speak the language? What happened?

1. Pentecost was a Jewish Festival of First Harvest when Jews of many nations gathered in Jerusalem. There were two kinds of harvest that day. What were they and what is their significance?
2. The Holy Spirit came like a wind upon the early church giving it new life. Does that make the Church different from any other organization? Why?
3. How would you describe a Spirit-filled church?
4. Why tongues of fire on individuals? What did it mean or symbolize? (See Luke 3:16; Joel 2:28,29; Genesis 19:16-18)
5. What connection do you see between the Old Testament event of the Tower of Babel and the New Testament event of Pentecost? (Compare vs. 4 with Genesis 11:1-9)
6. These people literally spoke in other people's languages from different nations (vs.8-12). Why are these places mentioned? What was God doing?
7. God showed his presence through wind, fire and tongues. How do you think he show his presence today?The Pentecost event caused curiosity

among the observers. Is curiosity too much to expect in our world? Why?

8. Are you more like the people in verse 12, or the people in verse 13?
9. What similarities and what differences do you see in Peter before and after Pentecost (see verses 14ff)?
10. What do you understand "prayer walking" to be?
11. How comfortable might you feel doing a prayer walk? Would prayer walking with someone help? How might the Holy Spirit help?
12. What might happen if the Holy Spirit were poured out on the Church today? On St. Paul's church family? On you?

Prayer:

Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on St. Paul's church family. Pray for this year's VBS to be very fruitful. Pray for families from our church to send in registrations for King's Kids Camp this year.

Pray for one another's needs.