Message Outline

Character Study on Simon Peter: Peter goes Pentecostal

Acts 2

Intro: Studying the life of Simon Peter...

- Peter's faith journey thus far: miraculous, struggling moments, insignificant moments...
- Significance of Pentecost in Acts 2...the "Christmas Day" of the Holy Spirit...
- v.1-4—Wind, fire, and witness...
- v.5-11—"wonders of God" not works of man..
- v.12-13—Some wanted meaning; some made fun.
- **v.14-36**—Biblical preaching (v.17-21,25-28, 34-35)...
- Preach the Word; prime work of the church!
- v.36—Point of preaching: Jesus is Lord/Messiah!
- v.37—Crowds reaction: cut to the heart!
- v.38-39—Next steps of faith...
- v.40-41—Church growth...eternal impact!
- v.42-47—Emphasis of early church witness...

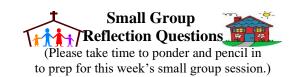
Peter Under the Influence of the Spirit v.15-17

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*What changed? The Spirit came!!!

FAQs on the Holy Spirit:

- Jesus previewing for the Spirit's coming (Acts 1:4-5, 8, Jn.14:15ff, 16:7ff.)...
- 1) W_ _____ is the Spirit?
- Triune God (Mt.28:19). Person, not "it"...
- does the Spirit do? 2) W
 - a) Continues Redemption (Gen.1:2, Mt.3:16ff., Acts 2)
 - b) Convicts sin (Jn.16:8)
 - c) Connects to Christ (Jn.14:17-21, Rom.8:9)
 - d) Counsels/Comforts/Changes (Jn.16:13, Rom.8:11)
- 3) W_____ does the Spirit become accessible?
- Receive Christ, receive the Spirit (v.38, Eph.1:13-14).
- 4) H_____ to be SPIRITually sensitive?
- Grow in the Spirit by spiritual disciplines (Eph.1:13-14, 5:19, 6:17-18).
- Warning against quenching (1Thess.5:19)...



Read: John 3

*From this passage, who is Jesus and/or what's this say about life in Him (cf. Jn.20:30-31)?

*What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?

*In Acts 2, at Pentecost, the church is birthed. What do you notice about the church at its beginnings, and how does that compare to the church today?

*How does Pentecost change Peter and the other disciples? What differences to you see before/after Pentecost in their lives?

*How would you explain the Holy Spirit to someone just starting the Christian faith? What have YOU learned about the Holy Spirit in your own faith journey?

*For the disciples, receiving the Spirit was filled with a sensory experience of wind and flames. What is one religious experience you remember having, and describe what it was like?