



Connection Group Questions
May 30, 2021
Series: Pentecost 2021 Part 2

***“All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you..”
~ John 14:25-26***

Opening

Pentecost is a big deal. Or at least it should be. We spent the last two weeks talking about what happened at Pentecost and what it means.

- *How much emphasis have you given to Pentecost?*
- *How connected do you feel to the Holy Spirit? Would you consider yourself a Spirit-filled person? Or, maybe put yourself on a scale, 0 being not Spirit filled, 10 being always filled with the Spirit?*

Digging Deeper

Read John 14:15-21, 25-27

Read Acts 2:1-18

Pentecost fulfilled Shavout in at least 3 ways: The promise of a harvest. The giving of the law. The promised king from David's throne.

- *How does Pentecost fulfill these promises?*

The people asked regarding the outpouring of the Spirit, “What does this mean?”

This means we have OUTSIDE POWER and INNER PEACE.

It means we have a INCLUSIVE MESSAGE of an EXCLUSIVE MESSIAH.

- *How do we see an outside power in Pentecost?*
- *Why do we need an outside power? Do most of your problems come from within, or from the outside? Do you agree with Augustine of Hippo regarding the “incurvatus in se” of humanity? Why or why not?*
- *How do you need the advocate, or helper, right now in your life?*

- *Pentecost is the fulfillment of the inner peace Jesus promised in John 14. Why is peace so important and prevalent in the Bible? (Jesus keeps offering peace in almost every resurrection appearance.)*
- *Where do you need the peace of God in your life?*
- *Pentecost is about an inclusive message of the gospel. Why is it so significant that the gospel is preached to every nation/language represented?*
- *How is this different from other faiths and world religions?*
- *What does this mean for the message and means of world missions and evangelism?*
- *Last, but not finally, as there is much more to Pentecost, we read about an exclusive messiah. Is the exclusivity of Jesus unfair? Why or why not?*
- *How do you respond to the exclusive claims of Jesus?*
- *How have you responded to people who protest or seem offended by the “inclusive exclusivity” of Jesus? (Give yourself the time, or study, to think hard about the inclusive exclusivity of Jesus.)*

Closing

Let's end where we started- the day of Pentecost. The Spirit is poured out and the people of God are filled. All of them. They preached. They prayed. The Spirit showed up. If you want to be filled by the Spirit do what the Bible teaches- Repent. Pray, And receive the Spirit in faith.