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Pentecost is the **POWER** of Jesus for the **MULTIPLY MISSION** of Jesus

1. Where did Pentecost come from? The **ATONEMENT** of Jesus.
2. Why did Pentecost happen? The **PROCLAMATION** of Jesus.
3. What was the result of Pentecost? **SALVATION** in Jesus.



What is Pentecost?

Acts 2:1-24

Sunday, October 16, 2016

As we STUDY the book of Acts together so that we might LIVE the book of Acts together, it's important that we "keep our eye on the ball." Today we take a fresh look at the often misunderstood phenomenon of Pentecost . . .

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Pentecost is the Fulfillment of **PROMISE**

- Pentecost =
- The promise of JESUS (Acts 1:8)
- The promise of the OLD TESTAMENT (Joel 2:28-32)
- The ingathering of a **SPIRITUAL HARVEST**

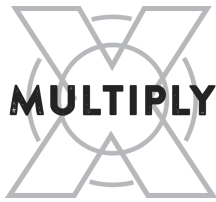
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Pentecost is the Sign of a New **COVENANT**.

- The **FINAL ACT** of Jesus' saving ministry
- The **BLOWING OPEN** of the salvation of God
- The **POURING OUT** of the Spirit on all



NEXT WEEK
The New Testament Church is Born!
Acts 2:22-47



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Connecting Together

Can you believe this is the 3rd week of Fall Growth Groups already? Take time to check in and share your lives with one another.

Studying God's Word Together

1. How did you "come under" God's Word in the message this week? What was most challenging to you in the message? What was fresh and new?
2. Read Acts 2:1-24 again together as a group. Where does the word "Pentecost" come from and what was that day all about in the Old Testament? What does that Old Testament background have to do with what happens here in Acts 2?
3. Because the phenomenon of "speaking in tongues" is so controversial and intriguing, it's easy to lose sight of the purpose here in Acts 2. (While the book of 1 Corinthians also talks about tongues, for the purpose of our study, we are sticking with the text of Acts 2.) So what are these "tongues" that are spoken? And what is the content of the message spoken? What were the mixed responses of those who heard these tongues?

4. How do both Luke's DESCRIPTION of Pentecost (1-13) and Peter's EXPLANATION of Pentecost (14-24) both emphasize the "blowing open of God's salvation" and the universality of the Gospel?

5. Peter, in 2:16-21, says that Joel 2 is being fulfilled at Pentecost . . . not partially fulfilled, but fully fulfilled. So in what sense do all God's servants prophesy? And what about all those signs in 2:19-21? How were they fulfilled? (Warning: This is a tough question!)

6. What gives rise to Pentecost? What is Pentecost for? Where does Pentecost lead? Who is the focus of Pentecost from top to bottom? Is the emphasis here on the experience of Pentecost or the person of Pentecost? And why is this so critical for us?

7. Read Acts 2:38-39. Is the gift/baptism of the Holy Spirit a second blessing? Who receives it? When?

Prayer Together

As you share requests and pray for one another, pray also for the work/empowerment of the Holy Spirit as you look for and take opportunities to share Jesus.