

SERMON NOTES

Sunday 24th May

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Bible passages: Acts 2.1-21, 22-32 and John 7.37-39

Introduction

- The readings look to (John) and describe (Acts) Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descends on the disciples.

Jesus described the Holy Spirit is to be our helper

- 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." (Acts 1:8)

The impact of the Holy Spirit was instantaneous

- All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

The Holy Spirit empowered them to speak boldly

- When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished. (Acts 4:13)
- Throughout Acts we see how believers could do miraculous things with the Holy Spirit flowing through them like living waters.

Conclusion:

- The Holy Spirit is arguably the most valuable gifts Christians have ever received;
- We may know Him well, or not at all at this stage, or somewhere in between.

Some questions to discuss

1. Read Acts 2: 1-21. What stands out to you in the passage?
 2. Why do you think the disciples were told to wait in Jerusalem?
 3. What do you think the role of the Holy Spirit is?
 4. What impact did the Holy Spirit have on the disciples?
 5. Are there any questions you have about the Holy Spirit?
 6. We may have different experiences of the Holy Spirit, from knowing Him well, to maybe not at all. What is, or has been, your experience of the Holy Spirit?
- As we celebrate Pentecost, this week may be a wonderful time to talk with someone at church about yours and their experience of the Holy Spirit, or to read Acts, or to pray and to ask God to reveal the Holy Spirit to you in a new way.

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