**Fellowship CommUnity Group**

 **Discussion Guide for Leaders**

*Witnesses: Study of Acts*

*Sermon: Pentecost*

 *2-23-20*

1. **Getting To Know Each Other** Opening Question:If you could learn one additional language fluently, which would it be and why?

*(***Opening Prayer**. (Either leader, host home or someone who is willing to pray out loud)

*(Notes from message for reference only – use only as needed)*

**\*\***Use Sermon notes bulletin insert

I. Day of Pentecost

II. A People in Gathered Community

III. Sound and Sight

IV. The filling of the Holy Spirit and speaking in other tongues.

V. The Gospel in each language

VI. The Spirit filled believers are mocked

**Gospel/Spirit Truths for Witness**

1) We are to be gospel witnesses to all the nations.

2) God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit are to be worshipped as the one and only true God – One God for ALL the nations.

3) The Spirit empowers the seemingly weak for powerful supernatural witness.

**Into The Text** (Leaders: This time is not meant to be application yet, this is time in the Word, before we seek to apply truth, we need to understand the truth. The section after this one will focus on application.)

1. Ask someone to read Acts 2:1-3. *Ask: Discuss and describe the Jewish celebration of Pentecost. How is Passover and Pentecost connected? Who was in Jerusalem for Pentecost? What is the significance of the church being ‘together in one place’? What did the apostles and believers hear? How did Luke describe what they saw? What did the sound of wind and appearance of fire spiritually signify?*
2. Ask someone to read Acts 2:4-8*. Ask: Discuss and describe what it meant that the people were all ‘filled with the Holy Spirit’. What ‘other tongues’ did they begin to speak in? How were these people able to speak in languages they did not know? How did the pilgrims visiting Jerusalem react?*
3. Ask someone to read Acts 2:9-13.  *Ask: Why does Luke list the places the pilgrims journeyed to Jerusalem from? What were the believers testifying to when speaking in other languages? What question did they ask in v12? How would you answer that question? In what way were some of the people mocking the believers?*

**Application**

1. Say: **Let’s move to discussion and application**. Ask: *Of all the possibilities that existed, why did the Holy Spirit use the speech of other languages in his official arrival to the church? What does that say about what it means to be a witness?*
2. Ask: *How important is it to God that the Gospel goes to all of the nations? How important should that be to you? How important should global missions be to you and the church?*
3. *Ask: How important is it for believers to gather? Why is that so important?*
4. *Ask: When it comes to the Holy Spirit, should we be seeking the mighty rushing wind or appearances of tongues of fire? What should we be seeking? Is it true that a person filled with the Spirit will always be a person who is a witness to Jesus Christ? How should that impact us?*
5. Ask: *Will believers today be mocked because of our witness? How should we respond to that? Why must we not respond to evil and mocking with anger and frustration?*

**Closing Prayer Time**: **(Leader Say:**) Let’s close with a time of prayer. Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Spirit of God to empower you for witness, witness to the person of Jesus Christ. *(Ask someone to open, let people pray as they feel led, and then leader closes.)*