

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

**Warming up**

1. How do you feel about the prospect of churches reopening as our country and region loosen shelter in place after the Pandemic?
2. Regardless of your position, how can we support each other through this difficult time?

**Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

3. According to Acts 1:8-13, what was God's part and what was man's part?
  - What did Jesus tell the disciples, and what were the disciples expected to do?
  - Can you imagine seeing Jesus taken up?
  - What do you think that was like for the disciples?
4. Please read Acts 2:1. Many people were in Jerusalem because of Pentecost. What was Pentecost in the Old Testament?
  - Please read: Exodus 23:14-19, Leviticus 23:15-16 and Deuteronomy 16:10. What was the purpose for the celebration?
5. Pentecost in the Old Testament has a different meaning compared to Pentecost in the New Testament. Please read Acts 2:2-14. What happened?
6. How was the Holy Spirit described? What is the significance of fire and wind?
  - Were there any other times in the bible that fire and wind were present?
  - Where in the bible?
7. What's the significance of the apostles speaking in different languages? What does that tell you about God?
8. What did people think when they heard the apostles? Compare it with this quote by Francis Chan, "Luke warm people are continually concerned with playing it safe; they are slaves to the god of control. This focus on safe living keeps them from sacrificing and risking for God."
9. Pastor Ruben said, "Don't let fear grip your faith." What's the difference with fear and caution? Fear and courage? Fear and wisdom?
10. Simon Peter stood up and addressed the crowd. Are you surprised that Peter stood up?
  - What kind of person was Peter before Pentecost?
  - What was he known for? What was his character like?

11. Pastor Ruben said, "The true you is who you are when His Spirit lives in you." Did Peter's personality change after he was filled with the Holy Spirit? How was he different?
  
12. Please read Peter's sermon. This is the first sermon of the church. The church was born as a result of God using Peter. Pentecost Sunday is the supernatural inauguration of the worldwide mission of the church. Please read Acts 2:14-41.

### **Application**

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Pentecost Sunday celebrates the provision of God
- God needs people who are willing to do anything for Jesus.
- God is about to do a NEW THING in your life!!!
- God wants to fill you with His Holy Spirit.
- God is calling Christians to extreme living.
- The true you is who you are when His Spirit lives in you.
- Here's how you know if your doing spirit-filled things...It points people to JESUS CHRIST.
  - It doesn't benefit you....in any way.
  - It doesn't elevate you.
  - It doesn't make you look good.
  - It doesn't put your interests first.
  - All people see is Jesus.
- Pentecost reminds us, what God starts, God completes.
  - God hasn't forgotten what He started.
  - God hasn't forgotten His promise.
  - God hasn't forgotten His word.