

Now What?

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Acts 2

A Time of Worship

Pray—what are some things (or some individuals) you have been praying about this week that you'd like to pray about together?

Opener: *What have you enjoyed doing over these last weeks of quarantine that has brought you life?*

Bible Study: Read *Acts 2:1-4; 14-21; 37-39*

Discuss:

- Why had the apostles all gathered together in Jerusalem on this occasion? What was the celebration about?
- The word for Spirit in the New Testament is the word *pneuma*, which means “wind” or “breath.” How was this powerfully displayed as the apostles began speaking?
- Given our last glimpse of Peter at the end of the gospels, is it surprising to see him take such a prominent role on the day of Pentecost?
- Why do you suppose Peter borrowed from the prophet Joel in his Pentecost sermon? What had been the message of Joel and how was it fulfilled here?
- When Peter proclaims the gospel of Jesus to them, what was their response? What was Peter's answer to their response and what was the outcome of his admonition?
- How was this a “new beginning” for God's people?

Application:

Can you think of a time when you have had to “start over” or get a “fresh start?” What was it and why was it a good thing?

In reflecting over these past ten weeks, what lessons have you learned? What activities or priorities maybe weren't so important after all? And what have you really realized to be more important?

At Pentecost, the age of the Spirit had come and the church was empowered for mission! What role do you see the Spirit continuing to play today?

In what way might the church seize this opportunity and the lessons learned and create a “fresh start” today? Where do you see us needing a “reboot” or a “restart”?

In looking at our world today, where do we need a fresh start?

In what area of your life do you need a “fresh start” today?

Close in Prayer