

What Does This Mean?

Acts 2: 1-13

Questions

1. Questions to review key facts: Why is the Day of Pentecost so named? In the time of Moses and the Israelites, what big event happened around this Day? In the time of Acts, which of the Jewish Feasts happens at this time? Why might it be more well-attended than other feasts?
2. As Christians, we believe that the Holy Spirit was poured out in a new way at Pentecost. How would you describe the activity of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament? What are some specific stories or events that you can recall?
3. **Main Idea: The Spirit of God Is On the Move.** For the believers of Jesus to change the world, they needed the Holy Spirit. When the onlookers said, "What does this mean?" what do you think was going through their heads? What would cause them to be perplexed?
4. **Point #1: The Spirit of God Is On the Move...To Change Your Heart, Not Just Your Behavior.** Both Christians and Non-Christians can work hard to get rid of bad habits. What makes it different for Christians who have the Holy Spirit living inside them? Have you felt this difference in your own life?
5. Pastor Shaen said that the law was primarily given to show people that they couldn't obey it. Read Romans 3:19-20 to see this stated in Scripture. Then how can the Holy Spirit really help us? Read Galatians 5:16-18 and talk about the practical ways in which we can walk by the Spirit?
6. **Point #2: The Spirit of God Is On the Move...To Live In You.** The disciples would have lived more comfortably if they had not followed Jesus. Are we living with being comfortable as our goal, or are we taking up our cross and following the Spirit's direction? How would we see this difference in ourselves, or in our brothers and sisters around us?
7. **Point #3: The Spirit of God Is On the Move...To Save All Kinds of People.** The Jews in the early church had a strong ethnic identity, and at times struggled to welcome other ethnicities into Christ's family. In what ways have we made it seem like Jesus is just for one kind of believer? How can we get better at welcoming all kinds of people?
8. As you pray for one another, ask the Holy Spirit to make us more aware of His presence this week. Help us to be grateful for the Helper, who dwells within each one of us.