

Pentecost Sunday 05/28/2022 Reflection Questions

- 1. Did you grow up in a Christian tradition that celebrated Pentecost Sunday?
- 2. What did you think of the statement: "When you take the Holy Spirit out of Christianity, you are left with either a social club or a religious institution"?
- 3. How is the ministry of the Holy Spirit different in the life of a New Testament Christian believer vs an Old Testament Jewish believer?
- 4. The Bible uses very different metaphors for the Holy Spirit, such as fire, wind, water and oil, what can we learn from this?
- 5. Have you found the following to be true: "Being empowered by the Holy Spirit will look different for different people"? How was this true for different characters in the Bible?
- 6. In Acts 1:4, Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as a "the gift My Father promised." Are you good at freely receiving gifts?
- 7. In 2 Corinthians 13:14, the Greek word ("Koinonia") describes our interactions with the Holy Spirit and can be translated, "fellowship", "partnership" or "intimacy".
 - 1. What could **fellowship** with the Holy Spirit look like for you?
 - 2. What could partnership with the Holy Spirit look like for you?
 - 3. What could intimacy with the Holy Spirit look like for you?
- 8. Did you find it strange that Philip, in Acts chapter 8, could discern the difference between the voice of and angel and the voice of the Holy Spirit?
- 9. Do you find the analogy of being the "bride of Christ", or being married to Christ, difficult to relate to? What are the implications of this analogy for us?