



### Jesus is raising new priests for the task ahead (v.1-12)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance...

Jesus keeps His promise (v.1; 1:6-8)

God consecrates a new dwelling (v.2)

The Spirit creates a new priesthood (v.3-4)

All the people are sent to speak (v.4-12)

### God's vision for His priests (v.14-21)

The clergy complain, but God anoints all people to go (v.12-13; Num. 11:24-30) But two men had remained in the camp; the name of one was Eldad and the name of the other Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them (now they were among those who had been registered, but had not gone out to the tent), and they prophesied in the camp. So a young man ran and told Moses and said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." Then Joshua the son of Nun, the attendant of Moses from his youth, said, "Moses, my lord, restrain them." But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them!" (Numbers 11)

His word goes forth from the least and the great (v.14-18; Joel 2:28-32) "It will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. "Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. (Joel 2)

If you belong to Jesus, you belong to His priesthood (v.17-18)

New doors are opened through you to all peoples (v.19-21; Deut. 30:11-14; Rom.10:13-15)

'And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

**Bottom Line: Stop putting God's mission onto someone else.**

### The Call for us:

1. We will own the multiplication of God's church in Central Virginia.
2. We will embrace God's vision for reaching the world through all our resources.

### The Call to you:

1. State your availability to join God at work.
2. Start something that fulfills His call to you.

**Looking back to Acts 1:6, what specifically did Jesus promise them?** When you read the Bible, do you notice connections like this? Do you read your Bible as a unity, or as separate thoughts and verses?

**What does it do in you to read that God dwells among us?** That includes you! Right now, what does it mean that God dwells with you or your family in COVID-19 isolation? What does God's dwelling make you want to do?

**Do you see yourself in this group?** Have you withheld yourself from this group? How can you join the "all" that are sent to engage in God's mission?

**Trace the movement of God throughout these passages:** go read Numbers 11, Joel 2, Acts 2, and Deuteronomy 30 then Romans 10. What do you learn as you follow His movement? How does God's movement in Scripture differ from your experience of God in church?

**God's Spirit comes on "the least"** -- how do you see yourself when it comes to matters of church and faith? What challenges you most about these passages?

**Being empowered by the Spirit does not release us from any need to show up, put in effort, or prepare.** What steps can you take now so that you're able to step through these doors? Consider practicing how you would share the Gospel, and how you'd share the story of Jesus changing you!

Well...what have you done?

**How can you "own" this vision with us?**

**How will you embrace this vision and give yourself to it?** What resources -- time, talent, and treasure -- will you commit to serve God's vision for reaching our world?

**Will you open yourself up to God at work?** Spend time sincerely praying, writing, meditating on these ideas. What does God say to you or ask of you?

**What will you do to show your availability to God?** What is something that you can do even now?



## UNDERSTANDING A PASSAGE

### What details stand out?

What's repeated in the text?  
What's contrasted or compared?  
What's odd or confusing?  
Notice any extra descriptive words:  
how do they shape the meaning?

### What's the central idea?

What was the author saying here?  
How is the author building this idea?  
Who was this written for? What did they hear?  
How is that different from what we hear or do?

### What's the clear take-away?

A clear command to obey or sin to address? An example to avoid or imitate? A clear promise, or one of God's characteristics to count on and meditate on?

## REFLECTING ON A PASSAGE

### What truth about God am I seeing?

How does He reveal Himself in this passage? What can I learn about who He is or what He does? How has the Church understood this over the centuries?

### How did God intend His people to respond?

In this passage, how did people respond to Him or what He did? How should they have responded? What was this text supposed to produce in them?

### So how should I respond?

What should this move us to do together? What should this move me to do then?

## APPLYING A PASSAGE

### What do I need to...

#### ...step into?

How have we avoided this truth? What do we need to do now to conform to it? Where do I not evidence belief or obedience to this?

#### ...surrender?

How do I need to trust God and walk forward? What do I need to accept and trust God with? What do I need to give up? What cost do I need to embrace?

#### be accountable to change?

How will I know when I've made a change? How can others challenge me if I don't progress? How can others remind and encourage me to continue?

#### ...share?

Can I encourage anyone with this? Challenge anyone? Can I bring truth or hope to someone?

## GET THE CONVERSATION STARTED

### What stood out?

What stayed in your mind afterward? Why did that stand out? Was it unsettling? Encouraging? Challenging? What does that make you want to do?

### What was confusing?

What could we clarify together? What does Scripture say about that?

### What would change if we really believed this?

What would we do differently? How would we pray differently? Relate to God? How would we treat others? What about people who are and are not-yet following Jesus? How would we engage family, work, free time?