

## **To the Ends of the Earth: Session 3**

### **Acts 2:1-13**

#### **Questions**

1. On what day do the events of Acts chapter 2 occur?

*Pentecost*

2. What is significant about the Day of Pentecost?

*The Day of Pentecost occurred 50 days after Passover. Pentecost was one of three Jewish festivals in which every male Jew living within 20 miles of Jerusalem was legally bound to come.*

*Pentecost had a historical significance: It commemorated the giving of the law to Moses. Pentecost also had an agricultural significance: It was a first fruit offering of the barley harvest to God.*

3. Going back to Acts 1, what did Jesus tell his disciples to do before ascending into Heaven?

*Go to Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit*

4. The wait is over. How does Luke describe the arrival of the Holy Spirit in verses 2-3?

*The sound like that of a mighty rushing wind filled the room. Tongues like fire divided and appeared to rest on top of each of the followers of Jesus.*

*Wind signifies the presence of God and can be traced back to creation. Fire brings light (spiritual illumination and the followers of Jesus will be lights unto the world.).*

5. What was the end result in verse 4?

*The followers of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.*

6. What happened in verses 5-6?

*A large crowd of Jews from every nation (Pentecost visitors) gathered at the sound of the Holy Spirit's arrival. The crowd heard the disciples speaking in their native languages.*

7. According to verse 11, what were the disciples speaking about?

*The mighty works of God.*

8. What was the response of the crowd in verses 12-13?

*Some were amazed wondering what this scene meant. Others mocked that the disciples were drunk.*

9. What is the significance of Pentecost to the church?

*The historical significance of Pentecost had to do with Moses giving the Law. Now, God has given us the Holy Spirit, fulfilling the prophecy of the New Covenant in which the law would be written on our hearts.*

*The agricultural significance of the Pentecost had to do with a first fruit offering. As we continue to study Acts 2, we will see the first fruits of the early church.*

*Pentecost Sunday has become a day urging believers to be empowered by the Holy Spirit and boldly share the Gospel.*