

**Acts 2:1-4; 42-47**

1. What is your favorite holiday of the year? Why?

Read Acts 2:1– 47

2. Read Leviticus 23:15-22 and Deuteronomy 16:16 . Pentecost was celebrated for many years before Acts 2 as a thanksgiving to God. How were the Jewish people to demonstrate their thanksgiving?
  
3. Read Exodus 32:16 – 19 and Acts 2:1. What are the similarities between these two times when God’s presence was revealed on Mount Sinai and now in Jerusalem? As you track this image through scripture it rests on the tabernacle and then the temple but here it rests on individual followers of Jesus meaning that the place of encounter with the living God is the person filled with the holy spirit – the church filled with the spirit. What does it mean to you to know that you are God’s temple, you / we are the place of encounter with the living God?
  
4. When the presence of God came down the people recoiled in fear – and said to Moses – you talk to God – you be the go between – we don’t want to get too close. On this Pentecost the people are drawn near – drawn close. How might we come to experience this closeness through the work of the Spirit?

5. Read Acts 1:4-5 , Luke 24:50-53 ; Acts 2:1-15 . Where did the disciples go after Jesus returned to heaven? Why? Where were the disciples on Pentecost? (Note: “house” is most likely the temple or one of its courts). There would have been many people there from many cultures – how does this show God’s plan? What would be the result of having converts from so many different nations?
  
6. Pentecost was a celebration of the harvest. How was the story of Acts 2 the beginning of another harvest? What does this text say to us about our role in the harvest?
  
7. (42 – 47) What five things does the spirit shaped the first church to be devoted to? Where do you see our need at Little T for more of the infilling of the Spirit of God? For more of his work to devote us to one or more of these things?
  
8. From this text how do we receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit? Pray together that the Spirit may draw you in draw you close – shape our community for the beautiful mingling of the five things we must be devoted to as a community.

