

REDEEM CHURCH LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Wk Of November 4th 2018 - Pentecost Unveiled Part 1

Open your group be discussing how this past week of prayer & fasting has gone personally. **Q? What have you experienced, felt, sensed etc... Discuss:**

This weeks message dealt with understanding that the Acts 2 Pentecost which we read is much deeper than what most Christians understand. This event was the beginning of a fulfillment of prophesy and symbolism which stretched as far back as Mount Sinai with Moses & Israel in the wilderness.

Q? Before hearing the sermon on Sunday, what did you think Pentecost was? Did you realize it was a Feast practiced for thousands of years by the Jewish people? **Discuss....**_____

Read Leviticus 23:1-17 Aloud In Your Group.....

Note: Lets be honest, Leviticus is not a book most people find themselves excited to crack open... The passage we just read dealt with 4 of the 7 Feasts or "appointed times" the Jewish people were commanded to observe every year.

Q? Why does this matter to us as New Testament followers of Jesus, most of whom are not Jewish? **Discuss**_____

Q? Why is it important to realize that God had these words & practices of His people documented hundreds, even thousands of years before Jesus would come fulfill them? **Discuss**_____

Note: The Day Of Pentecost or Shavuot marked the first part of the larger harvest coming in, which was symbolized in those very first group of believers coming to faith in Christ after the Spirit was given. Jesus sent the Spirit in large part so we may help reap as much of the harvest of humanity before the the next prophetic "appointed time" takes place which is "The Feast Of Trumpets".

Read the following passages aloud in your group:

1 Thess 4:16-18 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of

God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

2 Peter 3:10-12 Says- *But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.*

11Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.

Q? What stands out to you in either of these passages, especially in regard to us living currently in the Pentecost Harvesting phase of prophetic history? **Discuss**

Note: Notice in 2 Peter 3:12 it says that we are to “speed or hasten the return of Christ”.

Q? How does it impact or challenge you when you realize that you / we have the ability to speed the day Jesus returns? **Discuss:** _____

Read the following passages aloud in your group:

Romans 11:25 I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in,

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Note: From the giving of the Spirit to the last chapter of Acts is roughly 33yrs of time. It is believed that in those 33 years, over 1 million people came to Faith in Christ through Spirit filled believers who lived the out Person & Purpose of Pentecost. They turned the world upside down without the aid of technology.

Q? Being honest, where do you feel you are at with carrying on this same life with the Spirit for the purpose of laboring to reach more souls for Christ before Jesus returns. What is your biggest hinderance to living this intentionally?

Discuss.... (Then close by praying God would stir us for souls)