



An Invitation to Listen to God



“Pentecost”

To prepare for the next Small Group meeting you are invited to engage in the following process before you meet each week:

- Ask the Holy Spirit to open your mind and heart to hear God’s Word.
- Choose a scripture passage, read it and sit quietly with the Word.
- What moves you or attracts you in this reading?
- Does anything cause resistance in you? Do you know why?
- Take a few minutes to respond in writing to the readings.

Readings for Pentecost Sunday May 28, 2023

Reading 1: Acts 2 1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 104: 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20: 19-23

Questions

► *For group discussion:*

1. “You gave him authority over all people.” How do I interact with those who have authority over me? How do I treat those under my authority?
2. “I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world.” How do I show reverence for Jesus’ name? How do I share my values when the prevailing culture does not affirm them?
3. “I pray for them.” Who has asked me to pray for them? What needs do I bring to prayer today?
4. Can you recount a mighty act of God you have witnessed? This could be a God-sighting in your life or in the life of another that has deeply touched you. Please be precise as you share your story.
5. Wind, fire, and water are all symbols of the Holy Spirit. They are also elements which are used in the creation of bread which is significant for the Jewish celebration of the spring harvest, called Pentecost. Bread is a symbol of nourishment. Can you share an area in your life where you may feel malnourished and desire the Holy Spirit to satisfy you?
6. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are Piety, Understanding, Fortitude, Fear of the Lord, Wisdom, Counsel, and Knowledge. If you want to remember them with fun acronym, imagine a candle being snuffed out and associate it with the words, “puff wick”. Hence PUFFWCK. Which one of these gifts have you already seen at work in your life? Which one of the gifts do you most desire in a circumstance in your life? In what way?

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