

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

PENTECOST

ACTS 2

APRIL 7, 2024

Pentecost is a...

1. Fulfillment (2:1-4, 16-21)
2. Reversal (2:5-13)
3. Launching point (2:37-41)

Implications:

1. God's plans do not fail.
2. We are the temple of the living God.

QUESTIONS:

1. Have you typically seen Pentecost as something deeply connected to your own story of salvation? Why or why not? How did the sermon expand your understanding of Pentecost, if at all?
2. In John 16:7, Jesus tells his disciples that it's to their advantage if he goes away because he will send the Spirit in his place. What are 2-3 reasons it's to our advantage to have the Spirit inside us rather than to have Jesus beside us?
3. If the church and its mission is only able to succeed by the power of the Spirit, what part do we, as individual Christians, play in God's plan of redemption? For example, consider how our disobedience might hinder or disgrace the gospel.
4. As the temple of God and a "royal priesthood," the church is called to be a key part in reconciling others to God. How could you have a ministry of reconciliation in your neighborhood, workplace, home, and friendships?
5. As is modeled throughout Acts, a primary effect of being indwelt by the Holy Spirit is that believers are empowered to be messengers of God's good news. When was the last time you formally shared the gospel with someone else? What untapped gospel opportunities might you have right now that you could more intentionally pursue?