# Welcome to Bible Study 5 June 2022 - Taking It All In

# Welcome everyone to Pentecost!

# Opening Prayer Please pray together

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit. Please let us share this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever, Amen.

Q 1 I just got back from Sydney on the weekend. I was amazed by how alive and busy the city was with so many different cultures. Do you enjoy watching people?

## **Music Worship** suggestions

Search me, O God, and know my heart Breathe on me Spirit of Jesus Gods Spirit is in my heart All over the World, the Spirit is moving

### Word; Psalm 104.24-35

- <sup>24</sup> How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- <sup>25</sup> There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number living things both large and small.
- <sup>26</sup> There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.
- <sup>27</sup> All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.
- <sup>28</sup> When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.
- <sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.
- <sup>30</sup> When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.
- <sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—
- <sup>32</sup> he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.
- <sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
- <sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.
- <sup>35</sup> But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

Praise the LORD!

## Word; Acts 2.1-21 The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

<sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

<sup>7</sup>Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

### **Peter Addresses the Crowd**

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

- <sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
- <sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.
- <sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
- <sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

### **DISCUSSION**

Q 2 In the busy city of Jerusalem the Holy Spirit came and filled the disciples breaking down the boundaries of fear and difference between the disciples and the crowds. Discuss how this would be if you were there.

Q 3 In the last days I will pour out my Spirit upon all people Acts 2:17. Do you think we are living in the last days?

Q 4 Do you think we can still be filled and fulfilled by the same Spirit?

Q 5 Do you think we can minister wherever we find ourselves?

#### Works

Who can we get in touch with this week? Pick up the phone and call someone or **put them on your prayer list**. All over the World, the Spirit is moving!

## Ending prayer Please pray together

Thank you, Lord, for your presence with us this day. As we depart from this space now, we ask you to bless us throughout the remainder of the day and guide us safely home.

Please keep our learning and conversations of this gathering alive, and may they continue to vibrate within us and bear fruit in our ministries throughout the year.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Shalom! Rev Darren King (Ref. Roots on the Web, Life Application Study Bible)