

Pentecost Bible Study - Sunday 24th May 2026)

UCSI Theme. Come Holy Spirit Transform and Unite your Church for Gods Mission.

Study Theme: “Come Holy Spirit: Light Us, Change Us, Connect Us”, Send us out”

Introductions:

Pentecost Sunday is observed **50 days after Easter**, so its date changes each year. It marks the coming of the Holy Spirit in Christian tradition and is often considered the “birthday of the Church.”

Bible Readings

- Acts 2:1–13 (The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost)
- Supporting readings:
 - Joel 2:28–29
 - John 20:21–22
 - 1 Corinthians 12:4–7

Background to Pentecost

Pentecost was originally a Jewish harvest festival, but in Acts 2, God transformed it into a **spiritual harvest**—the birth of the Church.

- The disciples were waiting, praying, and united.
- The Holy Spirit came with **wind and fire**.
- People from many nations heard the gospel in their own languages.

This shows God’s mission is for **all people**, including the diverse cultures of the Solomon Islands.

Study Sections according to the subtheme.

A. “Come Holy Spirit – Light Us”

Key Verse: Acts 2:3–4

- The fire represents God’s presence and guidance.
- The Spirit brings **understanding, truth, and clarity**.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do we need God's light in our lives or communities today?
2. How can the Holy Spirit guide church leaders and youth today?

Application: The church must be a **light in society**, addressing issues like injustice, violence, and social challenges.

B. "Change Us"

Key Verse: Acts 2:14–21

- Peter the Apostle was transformed from fearful to bold.
- The Spirit changes hearts and gives courage.

Discussion Questions:

1. What fears hold us back from serving God?
2. How does the Holy Spirit transform individuals and communities?

Application: Transformation includes:

- Personal repentance
- Healing of communities
- Renewal of church life

C. "Connect Us"

Key Verse: Acts 2:5–11

- People from different nations understood one message.
- The Spirit creates **unity in diversity**.

Discussion Questions:

1. How can the church promote unity among different cultures and groups?
2. What divisions exist in our communities today?

Application:

The church in Solomon Islands must:

- Promote peace among tribes and islands
- Build unity despite differences

D. “Send Us Out”

Key Verse: Acts 2:38–41

- The Spirit empowers believers for **mission**.
- 3,000 people were added to the church.

Discussion Questions:

1. Where is God sending us today?
2. How can youth and leaders participate in God’s mission?

Application:

The church is called to:

- Evangelism
- Social justice
- Care for creation and people

Optional: Invite members to share testimonies of how the Spirit has worked in their lives.

Lessons

- The Holy Spirit **empowers ordinary people**
- The Church is **mission-driven**
- Unity is God’s plan
- Transformation begins within us

6. Closing Prayer

“Come Holy Spirit,
Light our minds,
Change our hearts,
Connect us as one people,
And send us out to serve your mission in our land.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.”

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