

### 1. WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT OUR CHURCH?

OR

2. WHO ARE YOU INVITING TO OUR ANNIVERSARY SERVICE ON OCTOBER 10TH?





WHEN THE DAY OF PENTECOST CAME, THEY WERE ALL TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE. SUDDENLY A SOUND LIKE THE BLOWING OF A VIOLENT WIND CAME FROM HEAVEN AND FILLED THE WHOLE HOUSE WHERE THEY WERE SITTING. THEY SAW WHAT SEEMED TO BE TONGUES OF FIRE THAT SEPARATED AND CAME TO REST ON EACH OF THEM. ALL OF THEM WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN TO SPEAK IN OTHER TONGUES AS THE SPIRIT ENABLED THEM.

NOW THERE WERE STAYING IN JERUSALEM GOD-FEARING JEWS FROM EVERY NATION UNDER HEAVEN. WHEN THEY HEARD THIS SOUND, A CROWD CAME TOGETHER IN BEWILDERMENT, BECAUSE EACH ONE HEARD THEIR OWN LANGUAGE BEING SPOKEN. UTTERLY AMAZED, THEY ASKED: "AREN'T ALL THESE WHO ARE SPEAKING GALILEANS? THEN HOW IS IT THAT EACH OF US HEARS THEM IN OUR NATIVE LANGUAGE?

PARTHIANS, MEDES AND ELAMITES; RESIDENTS OF MESOPOTAMIA, JUDEA AND CAPPADOCIA, PONTUS AND ASIA, PHRYGIA AND PAMPHYLIA, EGYPT AND THE PARTS OF LIBYA NEAR CYRENE; VISITORS FROM ROME (BOTH JEWS AND CONVERTS TO JUDAISM); CRETANS AND ARABS-WE HEAR THEM DECLARING THE WONDERS OF GOD IN OUR OWN TONGUES!" AMAZED AND PERPLEXED, THEY ASKED ONE ANOTHER, "WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?"

# SOME, HOWEVER, MADE FUN OF THEM AND SAID, "THEY HAVE HAD TOO MUCH WINE." (ACTS 2:1-12, NIV)



#### QUESTIONS:

1. THINK OF THE OTHER VERSES THAT TALK ABOUT THE SPIRIT SHOWING UP IN THE LIVES OF GOD'S PEOPLE. WHAT DIFFERENCES/SIMILAR DO YOU SEE IN HOW THE SPIRIT WORKS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT VS. THE NEW TESTAMENT? WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THESE OBSERVATIONS?

2. HOW DO YOU REACT TO THE CONFUSION, SHOCK, BEWILDERMENT, ETC. OF THOSE WITH WHOM YOU SHARE THE GOSPEL? DOES THAT REACTION SCARE YOU, EXCITE YOU, MAKE YOU UNCOMFORTABLE?

3. IF GOD CAN MAKE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER, THEN WHY NOT DO THIS MORE? WOULDN'T THIS KIND OF MIRACLE PROVE HIS EXISTENCE TO MORE PEOPLE? WHY DOESN'T GOD PERFORM MORE MIRACLES TO PROVE HIS EXISTENCE?





WHEN THE PEOPLE HEARD THIS, THEY WERE CUT TO THE HEART AND SAID TO PETER AND THE OTHER APOSTLES, "BROTHERS, WHAT SHALL WE DO?"

PETER REPLIED, "REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED, EVERY ONE OF YOU, IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS. AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. THE PROMISE IS FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN AND FOR ALL WHO ARE FAR OFF—FOR ALL WHOM THE LORD OUR GOD WILL CALL."

WITH MANY OTHER WORDS HE WARNED THEM; AND HE PLEADED WITH THEM, "SAVE YOURSELVES FROM THIS CORRUPT GENERATION." THOSE WHO ACCEPTED HIS MESSAGE WERE BAPTIZED, AND ABOUT THREE THOUSAND WERE ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER THAT DAY. (ACTS 2:37-41, NIV)



#### QUESTIONS:

1. IS SALVATION AS EASY AS PETER MAKES IT SOUND? THINK ABOUT HOW SALVATION IS TALKED ABOUT IN THE BIBLE. ARE THERE SIMILARITIES TO PETER'S SERMON AND WHAT WE SEE FROM OTHER TEXTS?

2. DO YOU EXPECT PEOPLE TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO YOU WHEN YOU SHARE THE GOSPEL? WOULD HOW YOU TALK TO OTHERS CHANGE IF YOU DID HAVE THAT EXPECTATION?

3. WITH A GROWING NUMBER OF PEOPLE LEAVING CHRISTIANITY, IS THERE STILL VALUE IN SHARING CHRIST'S STORY? WHY OR WHY NOT?





THEY DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO THE APOSTLES' TEACHING AND TO FELLOWSHIP, TO THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND TO PRAYER. EVERYONE WAS FILLED WITH AWE AT THE MANY WONDERS AND SIGNS PERFORMED BY THE APOSTLES. ALL THE BELIEVERS WERE TOGETHER AND HAD EVERYTHING IN COMMON. THEY SOLD PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS TO GIVE TO ANYONE WHO HAD NEED.

EVERY DAY THEY CONTINUED TO MEET TOGETHER IN THE TEMPLE COURTS. THEY BROKE BREAD IN THEIR HOMES AND ATE TOGETHER WITH GLAD AND SINCERE HEARTS, PRAISING GOD AND ENJOYING THE FAVOR OF ALL THE PEOPLE. AND THE LORD ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER DAILY THOSE WHO WERE BEING SAVED. (ACTS 2:42-47, NIV)



## BE JESUS

1. LIVE A LIFE OF DEVOTION

2. EXPECT GOD TO SHOW UP

3. NEVER STOP

#### QUESTIONS:

1. DOES GOD ONLY SHOW UP WHEN A COMMUNITY IS UNIFIED? WHAT SCRIPTURE CAN YOU THINK OF THAT SUPPORT YOUR POSITION?

2. WHAT DOES DEVOTION TO GOD LOOK LIKE IN YOUR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC LIFE? WHAT STEPS CAN YOU TAKE TODAY TO SHOW MORE DEVOTION TO GOD?

3. EVERY YEAR IT SEEMS AS IF MORE PEOPLE ARE AGAINST THE CHURCH THAN ARE FOR THE CHURCH. WHAT DOES THIS SAY ABOUT HOW UNIFIED WE ARE AS A GLOBAL COMMUNITY? WHAT SHOULD WE BE DOING DIFFERENTLY TO BE TRULY UNIFIED?





# Tonight's Responses

For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.

- Sir Isaac Newton

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Respond Any Time

