



STUDENT STUDY GUIDE

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Student Study Guide: Pentecost and The Promise — Prioritizing the Rhythm of the Kingdom

This lesson focuses on understanding the divine connection between **unity** and **rhythm** in the life of Kingdom citizens. Pentecost and Jubilee are not isolated events, but integrated expressions of God's appointed purposes. Unity prepares the people for outpouring, and rhythm aligns them with divine timing.

The **Hebrew word for unity** is **אֶחָד (echad)**, which means "one," "united," or "a compound oneness." It appears in *Nehemiah 8:1* when all the people gathered "as one man" to hear the Word of God. This moment of corporate unity led to covenant renewal and revival.

The **Greek word for unity** in the New Testament is **ὁμοθυμαδόν (homothymadon)**, meaning "with one accord" or "with one passion." It is used in *Acts 2:1*, where the disciples were all together in one place, united in purpose and expectation. This spiritual unity created the atmosphere for the Holy Spirit to be poured out on Pentecost.

The concept of **rhythm** is reflected in the Hebrew word **מוֹעֵד (mo'ed)**, which means "appointed time," "season," or "divine appointment." Found in *Leviticus 25:10* and *Leviticus 23*, this word defines God's sacred calendar, including the Year of Jubilee and the Feast of Pentecost. Jubilee followed a rhythm of seven cycles of seven years (49 years), with the 50th year marking release, restoration, and rest.

In the New Testament, rhythm is seen in the Greek word **τάξις (taxis)**, meaning "arrangement," "regular order," or "sequence." *1 Corinthians 14:40* instructs that "all things must be done decently and in order," reinforcing that the Spirit's move is not chaotic, but purposeful and patterned.

We see these principles illustrated in *Nehemiah 4:6* and *5:11–13*, where the people worked with a unified mind and responded to injustice by canceling debts. Similarly, in *Acts 4:32*, the early Church shared everything, being of "one heart and soul."



Rhythm is also key: *Leviticus 25:10* describes the Jubilee year as a sacred rhythm of release, while *Acts 2:1* highlights how Pentecost came exactly when the day had “fully come,” reflecting God’s perfect timing.

In practical terms, this lesson challenges us to live both in **Spirit-filled unity** and **Jubilee-inspired justice**. *Luke 4:18–19* shows that Jesus Himself embodied both—proclaiming liberty and operating in the Spirit’s power. Scriptures like *Micah 6:8* call us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly, fulfilling our Kingdom mandate.

In conclusion, unity is not just agreement but alignment with God’s rhythm. Without rhythm, unity becomes chaotic. Without unity, rhythm becomes empty ritual. But when we walk in step with God—gathering on time, with one heart, and for one purpose—**Pentecost and Jubilee collide**, manifesting both fire and freedom.

Comprehension Questions (What Did You Learn?)

1. What does the Hebrew word “**echad**” mean, and how is it reflected in *Nehemiah 8:1*?
2. How does the Greek word “**homothymadon**” deepen our understanding of unity in *Acts 2:1*?
3. What is the significance of **mo’ed** (appointed times) in relation to the feasts and Jubilee?
4. According to *Leviticus 25:10*, what were the three primary actions taken during the Year of Jubilee?
5. How is **taxis**, the Greek word for “order,” important to our understanding of how the Spirit moves in the Church (*1 Corinthians 14:40*)?

Interpretation Questions (Why Does It Matter?)

6. Why do you think unity was necessary for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost?
7. How do divine rhythms (like Sabbath, Shemitah, and Jubilee) reveal God’s character and care for His people?
8. What can we learn from the way Nehemiah led the people to work in unity and restore justice in *Nehemiah 5*?
9. How does Acts 4 demonstrate that spiritual revival should include economic and relational restoration?



Reflection Questions (What Does It Mean for Me?)

10. In what areas of your life do you need to align with God's rhythm (rest, release, obedience)?
 11. Do you tend to prioritize spiritual gifts (Pentecost) or justice and mercy (Jubilee)? How can you grow in both?
 12. What would it look like for your community to walk in both **fire** and **freedom**?
 13. Have you ever resisted God's timing? What would it take for you to trust His rhythm more fully?
 14. How can you personally contribute to unity in your local church or faith community?
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Challenge/Action Questions (What Will You Do?)

15. What is one "Jubilee act" you can perform this week—releasing, restoring, or returning something or someone?
16. What is one Spirit-led step you can take to speak boldly or serve sacrificially?
17. How can you help your community or ministry prioritize both **divine order** and **corporate unity**?
18. What changes would you make to your personal schedule or routine to live more rhythmically with God's calendar?