

Pentecost, a Pioneering people

Read Acts Chapter 2 verses 1 to 41 (Sermon was from 14-41)

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King James Version  
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Peter and the Disciples in a room in a house somewhere in Jerusalem were asked to wait for a gift.

**Question**

Can you remember as a small child as an adult having to wait for a gift, a letter, a direction, some instructions, how frustrating is it to wait, have you ever or are you now waiting for an answer or instruction from God.

**Question**

If you were part of those that were gathered waiting for this gift from God. With the information received how would you personally react to what ensued in verses 1-4.

God tidies things so our human minds can focus on the bigger picture, salvation, redemption, growing and being part of a fellowship.

God used Harvest times for His chosen people and Gentiles to remember the good things that he has done for us.

**Question**

Can you remember a time when God showed you something specific when he spoke to you and do you associate it with a certain time of year.

**Question**

If confronted by a non believer and you had to In your own words make a case to believe in the Holy Spirit how would you do it.

Read again Acts 2 verses 17-21

**Question**

Peter stood and addressed the crowd, how would you deal with that pressure, on a scale of 1-100 how well would you have coped.

**Question**

How does this narrative make you feel.  
Compare this to Joel chapter 2 verses 28-32.

**Question**

Do you in God have visions, dream dreams, have you shared the dreams the visions with others.

To be a Pioneer you have to push boundaries to advance a different way of thinking.

Christianity 2000 years ago was a new concept, it was dangerous and challenging and was life changing. Peter and the disciples were embarking on a new chapter never to be repeated.

Have you been challenged to be difference in your social circle in your work place, in school, college, have you stood up and allowed your voice to be heard.

Peter in this text has to quiet the people from their way of thinking, let the crowd know that they were wrong and it was their fault that Christ was whipped, struck and crucified then get them back on side tell them about Glory tell them it was a deliberate plan from God, all in 10 minutes

Then to top it off 3000 people were saved that day.

This could only have happened after the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

**Question**

Can you share any thoughts on the working of the Holy Spirit in your life.

Take time to pray to allow space for the Holy Spirit to challenge and change and if you are willing call upon the Holy Spirit to flow through to fill and to pour out in your life.

Peter from a place of poor education a fisherman, allowed the Holy Spirit to work through him to make a change

**Question**

Can you recount when God raised you up to be the difference?