

The Facilitator

Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

5/12/19

Text: Acts 2:1-12

Title: Resurrection - A New Power

Teacher: Tim Rice

Surrender through Prayer:

Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.

Engage with the Sermon

Read the passage together

In his sermon, Tim taught us from Acts 2, as the disciples gathered in the upper room, received the Holy Spirit and began to proclaim “the mighty works of God” in many different languages. Like an epic tale, this moment in the history of God’s people is a huge turning point. Man had always been created in God’s image, and His people were meant to reflect him, to represent Him to those who didn’t know Him. They were designed to know, enjoy, trust, love and obey Him, and now, His Spirit would be living inside them. Similarly, if we have put our faith in Christ, we have been given the gift of His Spirit who dwells in us and gives us the power to obey him. And yet, so often we seek to gain power, not so that we can make much of God, but so that we can make much of ourselves. The wonder of the Gospel is that Jesus Himself, who had all power and authority, didn’t use it to make much of himself, but laid it down so that he could love and sacrifice for His people, and so that He could make much of His Father in Heaven. It’s only through His power and salvation, applied to us by His Spirit, that we can follow, lay down our lives and proclaim Him to the world.

Reflection Questions:

1. *God’s Spirit fills His people with the Purpose of representing Him in the world and with the Power to do so; like a sail being filled with wind it has direction and power when it’s properly aligned.*
 - ***Like trying to get the wind to blow, how have you tried to get God to go in the direction you wanted to go, rather than letting Him determine the direction?***
 - ***What is it like to not be aligned with God and where He wants you to go?***
2. *This scene in Acts is a reversal of Babel in Genesis 11. The people had wanted to make a name for themselves and become independent from God. They wanted power for themselves so that they no longer needed His power.*
 - ***Where do you feel the most pressure/drive to make much of yourself?***
3. *Holy Spirit lives within us, applies the work and salvation of Jesus to us, and supplies the power to do His will. He is the one who brings us Jesus, who let go of His power so He could rescue us, and so we could have power to help rescue and liberate others.*
 - ***If you were to align every area of your life with Him, what do you think He will want you to do? What will that look like?***

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WORSHIP AND PRAYER:

A.C.T.S.

(Spend time in prayer and worship as you consider Adoring God the Father, Confessing your sin and weakness, giving thanks to Jesus, and asking Holy Spirit to transform you. Use this as a time to talk to God about what's been revealed in your heart from this sermon.)

1. ADORATION (The Father)

Adore and Worship God for His attributes and actions

- *Worship the LORD for His saving power to sinners like us. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His epic efforts to rescue us in His mercy instead of destroying us as He could justly could.*

2. CONFESSION (Me)

Spend time Confessing sin and ways in which you are finite and limited

- *How have you lived seeking power, but for your own selfish ends? Confess your selfish pride to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and transform your heart away from selfishness to His loving mission.*

3. THANKSGIVING (Jesus)

Give thanks to Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)

- *Give thanks to Jesus for His saving love. Thank Him that rather than wield His power selfishly to tyrannize His creatures, He has used His power to rescue and liberate us from all the power of sin and evil.*

4. SUPPLICATION (Holy Spirit)

Ask Holy Spirit to transform you in specific ways

- *Who do you know that lives under a besetting sense of helplessness? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them know His power to save and His power to incorporate us into His mission.*

5. Prepare for Gospel Community (My Neighbor)

Pray for those who are on your heart, that God would use you to impact them with His gospel message.

- *Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you the fruit of His love, both for Him and for those who do not yet know Jesus. Pray for a sense of His filling power, especially for His mission of helping to convey His love to others.*