

May's Teaching Theme: Justice

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题目 Topic: Pentecost

经文 Scripture: Acts 2

Monthly Idea: According to the Bible, true “Justice,” seeks out the most vulnerable in society in order to provide protection and opportunity for flourishing. The righteous are those willing to disadvantage themselves to the advantage of the community. The wicked are those willing to disadvantage the community to the advantage themselves.

This week we celebrated the birth of the church at Pentecost where God broke the social barriers of the world to form his people of all nations. He then empowered his people to embody “Heaven on Earth.” For the church to resist justice is to resist the Holy Spirit & not be the church.

We have seen this week, how close the application to this month's theme is with the killing of George Floyd. Police Brutality towards black lives has been a problem on repeat in the United States and ideas of anti-blackness continue to invade our world. Right now, is the change for the church to be the church and stand with the vulnerable. What will we do as the church of King Jesus?

Resources:

Video: [Bible Project “Justice”](#) [English]

Video: [Bible Project “Justice”](#) [Chinese]

If you haven't viewed this video yet as a group watch it

Video: [Bible Project “Holy Spirit”](#) [English]

Video: [Bible Project “Holy Spirit”](#) [Chinese]

Discussion Questions:

- (1) Read Acts 2:1-21 together. What observations do you make and what stands out to you in the story? How would you summarize the story?
- (2) 为什么耶稣复活后没有立即升天见天父? Why did Jesus not ascend to the Father immediately after His resurrection?
- (3) 耶稣在世上停留四十天与后来圣灵降临, 以及教会的建立和发展有什么关系? Jesus remained with the disciples for forty days and the Holy Spirit came 10 days later at Pentecost. What was the relationship between Jesus's stay and the coming of the Holy Spirit and the establishment and development of the church?
- (4) 为什么耶稣吩咐门徒去——传福音给万民听之前, 必须先等候父所应许的圣灵? 这对今天我们传福音, 领人悔改有哪些启发和帮助? Why did Jesus command the disciples to wait

for the promised Holy Spirit BEFORE going out to share the Gospel to all the nations?
How does this arrangement inspire and help our evangelism today to lead people to repentance?

- (5) 对比圣灵降临前和降临后，门徒的生命和生活有哪些变化？What were the changes demonstrated in the disciples' spiritual life and Christian living in comparison before and after the Holy Spirit?
- (6) In what ways have you experienced the transforming power of the Holy Spirit or what ways have you seen the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in other people's lives? How do the work of the Holy Spirit and the Event of Pentecost tie to our theme for the month and to the events in the world around us?
- (7) Spend time praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in seeking to be people who live out "Heaven on Earth."

Important Notes:

- In the Hebrew Bible, Pentecost is an annual harvest festival that occurs seven weeks after Passover. It became an important Christian holiday after God poured out the Holy Spirit upon the Jerusalem church on the first Pentecost after Christ's resurrection. (Lev 23, Acts 2)
- The Holy Spirit is God's Personal "Temple" Presence, who transforms the human heart, liberating the Christian to love God and love others. God's Spirit transforms His people to share his moral character and empowers them to fulfill his purposes. Part of this empowerment in sharing God's moral/ethical character calls the church to be a people of righteousness and justice.
- To see the importance of the Acts 2 Pentecost event Read these 4 passages together. Exodus 34:29-30; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Jeremiah 31:31-34; 2 Corinthians 3:3-6,13-18. In 2 Cor 3:3-6, Paul uses wording that links Ezekiel's promise of the transforming Spirit to Jeremiah's promised new covenant, in which God would write His laws in the hearts of His people (Jer 31:31-34). In Exodus 34:29-30, Moses' face was transformed as he saw the Lord; Paul says that believers in Jesus are similarly transformed as they pay attention to God's Spirit (2 Cor 3:13-18). It is evident this is a process.

Sermon Summary (Elder Yin):

五旬节，圣灵降临
5/31/20，田灵慧传道

引言：

五旬节到了，门徒都聚集在一处。忽然，从天上有响声下来，好像一阵大风吹过，充满了他们所坐的屋子，又有舌头如火焰显现出来，分开落在他们各人头上。他们就都被圣灵充满，按着圣灵所赐的口才说起别国的话来。”

使徒行传 2:1-4 CUNPSS-神

<https://www.bible.com/48/act.2.1-4.cunpss-神>

今天是五旬节。这天起，耶稣跟随者继续耶稣的工作，有二部分40+10

五旬节：耶稣复活后的50天，

前40天耶稣同门徒同住，赐给命令-大使命，要门徒去传福音，但又要门徒不要离耶路撒冷，而是等圣灵。“去”和“等”的意义？为什么耶稣复活后再来到世上40天，和后面的传福音有什么关系？后10天是门徒准备

一，圣灵降临前门徒的准备

耶稣复活后探放门徒，

1, 目的：

a, 帮门徒认识耶稣的真实身份:因为当时门徒还没全信。路24：9-11, 约20:24-28

先要信。信才能行，如不信怎能行？

耶稣没有放弃他们而了解门徒，在客西马尼的睡着了。主没有指责他们而是走近他们。今天主也走近我们，当我们软弱时无助时。他要成为我们随时的帮助。

b, 坚强使徒信心

彼得三次不认主。彼得觉得是shame，如何帮助他克服自己的过去，在提比利亚，说你爱我吗？重新建立彼得对主信心和众生人的威信

c, 教育明白救赎计划和主在世上的使命

路24:25, 24:44-45

帮助认识旧约在新约时代的意义和关系，把主和旧约联系

2, 等候父所应许的圣灵

路24:46-48,

“耶稣对他们说：「无知的人哪，先知所说的一切话，你们的心信得太迟钝了。」”

路加福音 24:25

徒1：4-5,

“耶稣和他们聚集的时候，嘱咐他们说：「不要离开耶路撒冷，要等候父所应许的，就是你们听见我说过的。约翰是用水施洗，但不多几日，你们要受圣灵的洗。」”

使徒行传 1:4-5 CUNPSS-神

<https://www.bible.com/48/act.1.4-5.cunpss-神>

撒加利亚4：6,

“他对我说：「这是耶和华指示 所罗巴伯 的。万军之耶和华说：不是倚靠势力，不是倚靠才能，乃是倚靠我的灵方能成事。」”

撒迦利亚书 4:6

约16：8-11。

“现今我往差我来的父那里去，你们中间并没有人问我：『你往哪里去？』只因我将这事告诉你们，你们就满心忧愁。然而，我将真情告诉你们，我去是与你们有益的；我若不去，保惠师就不到你们这里来；我若去，就差他来。他既来了，就要叫世人为罪、为义、为审判，自己责备自己。为罪，是因他们不信我；为义，是因我往父那里去，你们就不再见我；为审判，是因这世界的王受了审判。”

约翰福音 16:5-11 CUNPSS-神

圣灵帮助我们改变

改变人生观，三观。内在本性，罪的改变

改变人是圣灵的工作人改变不了。人生最大的神迹是认罪。

去很重要但等更重要

二，圣灵降临时的情景

圣灵降临三个描述

1，忽然响声大风充满，忽然：圣灵主权，我们只是被动接受。我们可安排受洗日子但圣灵洗由圣灵决定。如，保罗没有决定何时信主。被圣灵决定，风吹树叶动，风有主权。当保罗被圣灵充满就跪地，当时保罗说我能做什么？当被动接受是不需要做任何事，人要主动来准备来接受，恒切祷告，才能有资格接受圣灵充满

2，火焰：代表洁净和真正的被神的改变，被灵洗的人走谦和认自己有罪，火焰把真自己显现出来。先洁净自己

3，方言：五个地方的方言，说方言的需要是为了传福音，为说其他语言能听懂福音。门徒被圣灵充满为了建立主的教会。

三，圣灵降后对门徒的影响。

1，圣灵降临前：

耶稣被抓时：门徒逃走了

被审时：三次不认主

复活后：不信和惧怕

2，圣灵降后：

1，勇敢面对环境，彼得不再怕，“彼得和十一个使徒站起，高声说：「犹太人和一切住在耶路撒冷的人哪，这件事你们当知道，也当侧耳听我的话。」使徒行传 2:14

“那时彼得被圣灵充满，对他们说：「治民的官府和长老啊，倘若今日因为在残疾人身上所行的善事查问我们他是怎么得了痊愈，你们众人 and 以色列百姓都当知道，站在你们面前的这人得痊愈是因你们所钉十字架、神叫他从死里复活的拿撒勒人耶稣基督的名。

彼得、约翰说：「听从你们，不听从 神，这在 神面前合理不合理，你们自己酌量吧！」
使徒行传 4:8-10, 19

被圣灵充满了人，一定传福，为十字，荣炼的人

2, 从小信或不信门徒转向见证基督的受难和复活

徒2:22, “「以色列人哪，请听我的话： 神藉着 拿撒勒人耶稣在你们中间施行异能、奇事、神迹，将他证明出来，这是你们自己知道的。”

使徒行传 2:22 CUNPSS-神

荣炼神不是自己

3, 从注重个人的安危转向关注他人的属灵的需要。徒2:40

“彼得 还用许多话作见证，劝勉他们说：「你们当救自己脱离这弯曲的世代。」”

使徒行传 2:40 CUNPSS-神

门徒的意向是见证主和带人来主的面前。帮助人接受圣灵的洗

总结：PPT的见表

如我们要得圣灵

要圣经装备

要恒切祷告

不准备好不会得圣灵充满

这疫情在家好象当时十天门徒们预备，神希望我们他时间更知道祂，和知道祂的的活语，知道祂的性情，向祂祷告，

灵洗x一次，灵充满是多次，如果我预备;能够得到灵的充满

Descent of Holy Spirit

Pastor Peter Tian

Pentecost: 50 days after the resurrection

Pentecost Sunday: the 7th Sunday after Easter

In the 50 days between Easter and Pentecost, Jesus stayed with the disciples on the first 40days, the remaining 10days disciples prayed and testified

Jesus gave The Great Command to his disciples —go and witness

Request them to stay on Jerusalem to wait for the HS

Why not right away go?

What did Jesus do in the 40days He stayed on earth after the resurrections? So crucial

1. Before HS descent, get his disciples ready, to prepare them

In the 40days, Jesus appeared to various disciples in different location

A. To help disciples to truly see his true identity, he is the resurrected messiah. This is the foundation of the gospel. Today if someone doesn't truly believe his resurrection, no future work would be possible to continue

According to the scriptures, the disciples didn't believe his resurrection: For example the women went to anoint Jesus's death body (didn't expect resurrection); disciples had doubt and thought the women's witness of the risen lord is mad; Thomas wanted to touch His wound.

Jesus had 40 days to let disciples know He is indeed the messiah prophesied in OT. He sought out to them, comforted them, he knew their situation, their weak flesh, to build them up. Jesus is still approaching us today. He is our passionate high priest. We can come to him anywhere anytime to seek help from him

B. Strengthen disciples' faith: Peter three times denied him, even swear about it. Can Peter overcome this? Would this tarnish Peter's leadership among his peers.

By the lake of Galilee, Jesus asked Peter three times "do you love me?" Peter came out of deep hole. strengthened his faith, his leadership

C. Teach disciples Father's plan according to the scriptures, equipped them with the Words, connected the dots between OT and NT, the life changes in the disciples obviously shown in Acts, because of Jesus's teaching in the 40 days

Luke 24 recorded that Jesus explained the scriptures, apply to the words to the current time

Wait for HS

What is going to change others' inner being, the matter of internal life, science, education can't do. One can not solve the problem of sin by self effort or simple teach

John 16:8-11 without the guide of HS, none can.

The biggest miracle in life for a person is to knee down and humbly confess and admit as a sinner

So even though go/witness is important, waiting is even more crucial, for the HS gives power
Zachariah 4:6

2. When HS descends

120 people, join together in prayers for 10 days. HS came down on the tenth day

A. Sound, filled the house

B. Tongue of fire, separated, on each

C. Filled with HS, speak in tongue

Examples: Paul, never decided when to accept Jesus's salvation, on the way to Damascus he was blown down by HS. HS likes the wind blows as the teaching of Jesus to Nicodemus, Paul asked who are you Lord? What should I do Lord? Active job of HS, man passively accepts.

But man needs to actively prepare themselves.

HS filled the house, who were they? Those who listened to the lord, waiting in joining prayers, therefore they experienced and deserved the fill

Fire represents purity and light, shows a person's true spiritual status. Pure, humble, truly know himself. Like Isaiah, knew himself as a man with unclean lip lived an unclean life.

Speak in tongues, regional dialects, languages others may understand. For the need of other people to understand God's truth.

All of the examples of filled with HS in the Acts, such as Peter, Paul, were for the establishment of church

3. The impact of HS descending

Before: mat 26:55-56, Luke 22:54-62 John 20:19

Disciples were Afraid

Run away

Deny Jesus

After:

Acts2:14

Completely changed, brave, see other life more important

Instead of afraid, they stood among the Jews in Jerusalem, no fear, boldly preach gospel

Acts 4:8-10, 18-20

Pointed out sins of the leaders

Bravely face officials

Give testimony for the lord

From unbelief, small faith to testify for Him, his suffering and resurrection

Acts2:22

To be filled with HS, glorify Jesus in action

From care for their own safety to others' spiritual need

Acts2:37-40 care about god's kingdom, others not believe yet, to witness, bring others to

Jesus—these are the signs of those who are filled with HS

In summery:

Before HS descent

At the time

After

The dramatic change in the life of disciples because of HS

Today if you want to have power like the disciples to have good results of our work, first we need to prepare ourselves in the Bible truth, join together in prayer, because HS doesn't fill anyone, only those who are ready.

At this pandemic time, when we stay home, like the disciples stay 10 days, prepare ourselves

Don't wait our time in other entertainment

Baptism of HS can be once, but be filled with HS can be multiple time, can happen today,

among **五旬节 : 圣灵降临**

Pentecost: the Coming Down of the Holy Spirit to us