







Small Group/ Reflection Notes

19-05-2024		iTell - in the power of the Holy Spirit	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> What has your week been like?		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> When have you <i>experienced</i> God? <input type="checkbox"/> What impact does it have on you?		
 Read	Acts 2:1-41	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> v.1 : Having lost Jesus <i>twice</i> (death & ascension), what might waiting have felt like? Especially as they didn't what they were waiting for, what to expect, when it might happen... What if it had already happened and they'd missed it? What does it mean for us to be 'all together'? <input type="checkbox"/> v.2-3 : Have you ever experienced wait, wait, then.. <i>suddenly</i> ? Like an NHS appointment, a proposal... How might you describe to others a tickle? Describe the feeling! How did the disciples describe the coming of the Holy Spirit? In ' <i>what seemed like</i> '... what were they conveying? How would you describe to others a Holy Spirit moment? <input type="checkbox"/> v.5-12 : Today, when people from different nations are together what's often the common language? Why <i>this</i> language? v.8-11: What sort of places and cultures were represented? Where were they from? How would the language of <i>Empire</i> have enabled them to communicate? So, <u>why</u> did the Holy Spirit enable them to hear in their <i>own</i> languages? What was God demonstrating? <input type="checkbox"/> v.13-15 : Does too much alcohol make people suddenly start speaking Danish, Farsi, Yoruba..? What do drunk people often sound like? What was happening? When have you <i>experienced</i> the Holy Spirit? How might you describe the gift of 'speaking in tongues'? When have you ' <i>stood up</i> ' for Christ? <input type="checkbox"/> v.16-21 : Who was Peter reassuring: the Disciples? Those experiencing the Holy Spirit? Onlookers? What did he use? Why? How was the meaning of Joel's ancient prophecy only then becoming understood/ realised? Why did it then take until the 1960s/70s charismatic movement to gain a fuller understanding of the work and blessing of the Holy Spirit? What does this remind us about Scripture and our understanding of it? <input type="checkbox"/> v.22-24 : What were Peter's 'fellow Israelites' struggling with? Why? What had they always been conditioned to believe about themselves/ Israel? About everyone else/ Gentiles? Instead, what was God demonstrating? <input type="checkbox"/> v.36-41 : Who did Peter call on to <i>repent</i> ? Why? What is repentance?		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> Why do authentic experiences of the Holy Spirit lead us into mission with Christ?		

	<input type="checkbox"/> If the Holy Spirit is also called the 'Spirit of Christ', what should experiences of the Holy Spirit lead to/ generate in us?
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Tell someone who is <i>not</i> (yet) a Christian about a God-experience you've had.
 Pray	Say slowly and repeat multiple times: <i>Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen. Glory to the Father, and to the...</i>
 My questions:	

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