Bible Study for May 30 – June 5, 2022

Read: Acts 2:1-21

Notes:

We back up from our usual study of Acts this week because of Pentecost. The celebration of Pentecost is one of the highlights of the church calendar as it celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

Questions to Ponder:

What parts of the world have you traveled where you wish you knew the native tongue?

Why did God wait until Pentecost (a celebrative harvest festival in the Jewish calendar), to give the Holy Spirit?

Why do you think it was important for the author to name all the various places the people came from in verses 8-11?

What attracts these pilgrims to the disciples?

If you had been there, would your response have been more like those in verse 12, or those in verse 13? Why?

When have you experienced an empowering from God? What was the result?