WOODVALE
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Connect Group Sermon Aligned Notes

Sermon Series: Experiencing Spirit Baptism
Key Scripture: Acts 10:44-48, NIV The Holy Spirit Outpouring in Caesarea
Recorded Sermon: ww.woodvale.ca/pastservices/v/ experiencing-spirit-baptism
Date + Speaker: May 19, 2024 Pastor Mark Scarr

Starter:

Share about any opportunities you have had recently to tell others about Jesus.

Discussion:

Acts 10:44-48, NIV **The Holy Spirit Outpouring in Caesarea**

1. What stood out to you as you read this passage?

2. There was a divine interruption while Peter was still speaking these words (Peter was telling them about Jesus' crucifixion, resurrection and offer of reconciliation with God. Acts 10:39-43), the Holy Spirit came on all those who heard the message (Acts 10:44).
   - How did this powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit confirm God's acceptance of Gentiles?

3. How did the Jewish believers know that the Holy Spirit had been poured out upon the Gentiles?

4. Why do you think the circumcised believers were so astonished?

5. How did Peter respond when he understood that God also offered salvation and Spirit baptism to the Gentiles? (vs 46-48)

6. Pastor Mark said the Holy Spirit empowers us to be able to proclaim Jesus to a broken world. We need to be clothed with the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Discuss attributes believers manifest when they are clothed by God with the power of the Holy Spirit. How do these attributes enable believers to reach a broken world for Christ?

7. God is on the move in our nation. Pastor said: “This is the time for the sleeping church to wake up in the name of Jesus and boldly proclaim the gospel. To stand up and speak up!”
    - Discuss ways we see God is on the move here in Canada (for example the healing testimony Pastor Mark shared about on Sunday) Pray together for the Holy Spirit to work through you in your community as you trust and obey.

Reflection/Prayer: Pray for people you would like to share the good news of Christ with. Ask God to give you the confidence, courage and compassion to reach them. Ask for the Holy Spirit to empower you and lead you to share about Christ, the way and the truth and the life.