



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Sermon Based Small Group Plan
Day of Pentecost
June 4, 2017
Sermon Title: “Winds of Change”
Preaching: Pastor Charles Svendsen
Scripture: Acts 2:1-13 & John 14:8-17

Theme: On the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came rushing into the church like the wind. That same Spirit of God took up residency among believers. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would advocate for us and not leave us orphaned.

Study Questions for the Sermon and Text: (choose as needed)

Read Acts 2:1-13

1. Why were the apostles and followers gathered in Jerusalem? (See Luke 24: 52-53)
2. Describe what happened in Acts 2: 1-4. What did that look, sound and feel like?
3. Why were Jesus’s followers drawn to Jerusalem at Pentecost? Why were people amazed upon listening to Jesus’ followers?
4. How would you answer the crowd’s question, “What does this mean?”

Read John 14:8-17

1. What did Philip ask of Jesus? Why was he asking his question?
2. How did Jesus answer Philip?
3. Verse 12 is a puzzle. Did Jesus mean that his followers would do greater works than he? Raising from the dead? Feeding the multitude? Walking on water?
4. What is a modern advocate? How is the Holy Spirit our Advocate?
5. Why was it important for the disciples not to feel orphaned?
6. In the Old Testament the Spirit of God would come and go. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit permanently abides with the church. Why is that of comfort to you? To WPC? To the global church?

Prayer Options: (choose as needed for your group)

- Pray for wisdom and courage for our Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Pray for our Director of Music search team.
- Pray for the healing of Evelyn Layton, Chuck Bankston, Gary Pate, Maury Kroskery, and for anyone with surgeries coming up or healing from them.
- Pray for Manchester, Kabul and Portland.

Mission Encouragement for the spring:

- **The Shelter needs someone to provide the meal on July 5th – contact Katie Menees to sign up.**
- Make plans to be a part of ACTION Serve Day - This Saturday, June 3.
- Take time in your day to do a simple act of service for someone else.

Leader notes:

- Note June calendar: Youth Sunday is June 11th and Music Appreciation Sunday is June 18th
- Vacation Bible Camp runs from June 26-29th with Youth Leader Training June 21st.
- Remind your group that the WPC YouTube Channel has the sermon videos. Just go to the WPC website and click on the YOUTUBE logo button.

This is the last Small Group Plan – Have a wonderful summer!