Small Group Questions

Week of Sunday, October 29th, 2023

Launch

Who is the most dynamic presenter/speaker/preacher you've ever heard? (Could be a comedian, motivational speaker, corporate presenter, minister or other). What was it that made them so dynamic?

Observe (READ Acts 2:1-21)

- 1. What stands out to you about the opening 13 verses?
- 2. How many times is the word "tongues" or "languages" used?
- 3. In verses 12 and 13 what are the responses to these events?
- 4. In verse 14 what is the response of Peter and the Apostles?

Process

- 1. What we see in this passage is essentially the birth of the church foretold by Jesus in Matthew 16:18. Why do you think God chose this way of doing it?
- 2. Discuss how these events describe the very first moves of God in fulfilling the thesis of Acts as recorded in Acts 1:8?
- 3. What part of the prophecy from Joel 2, here in verse 17-21 is yet to be fulfilled and refers to Jesus' return? Read- Mark 13:24-25.

Respond

1. Each section of this first half of Acts 2 refers to establishment of God's Kingdom through the message being communicated:

In verses 1-13 it is divine communication

In verses 14-16; 22-41 it is Apostolic communication

In verses 17-21 it is (prophetically) our communication

How does our faithfulness to share the Gospel make all the difference to God's plan for the redemption of all people being fulfilled?

- 2. Is the mysterious and miraculous nature of this communication an encouragement to you? Why or why not?
- 3. Who does the Lord bring to your mind when you think about sharing the message of Jesus' love? Share these names and spend time praying for them specifically. Touch base the next time you meet and encourage one another to share the message with them.