

## Tuesday, November 1

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

<sup>15</sup> For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> “ ‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; <sup>18</sup> even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; <sup>20</sup> the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

<sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

1. Who is it that is first to speak to the crowd?
2. Why do you think it was Peter?
3. What does he address his comments to?
4. How is confronting misunderstandings and false statements about the Christian faith still a part of the ministry of the church today?
5. What do we call that work? (apologetics)
6. Have you ever tried to explain things about the faith to people who either didn't understand or even mocked it?
7. What central themes do you see in this prophecy from Joel that Peter quotes from?
8. Have all of them come to pass at this point?

KTFK: how the / the church / before, as / to fulfillment / restore. / was prophesied / God brings / kingdom he'll / happens with / All that

Song: Days of Elijah

Prayer: “Lord God, I thank you that you are bringing to fulfillment the fullness of your plan through the church. Lord, we ask that you would help us to be as focused on your purposes in us as we can be, so that you might use us fully to bring about all your purposes for your glory in our day as you did in the day of the earliest believers. Amen.”

## Wednesday, November 2

<sup>22</sup> “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

“ ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup> “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.

1. How widely does it appear that Jesus (and the things that he did and that happened to him) were known by people?
2. Why is it important to know that the death of Jesus was not outside of God's control, but that in fact, it was his decision and plan?
3. Who does Peter say crucified Jesus?
4. How did they kill him?
5. Why wasn't it possible for death to hold on to Jesus?
6. Why is this such an important part of the gospel presentation?
7. To what degree do you believe the fear of death is a point of contact that we can use when speaking to unbelievers?

KTFK: up, it / him to / him to / was the / the cross / Though the / drink the / Jewish people / Romans nailed / cup. / they lifted / who forced

Song: “Ah, Dearest Jesus”

Prayer: “Lord, it is heartbreaking and yet true that it was your very own people who turned against you – those who should have been the most ready to receive you were the ones who cried, ‘Crucify Him!’ In them we see so clearly the power of sin and the rebellion that is in the hearts of men. Truly, O Lord, if it was not for the work of your Spirit in me, I would be just the same. Thank you for the grace of understanding and sight. Amen.”

## Thursday, November 3

<sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“ ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.” ’

<sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

1. How would you describe the effect that the words of verse 36 would have on someone who understood the meaning of what was being said?
2. Based on this quote from David, what is going to happen to the enemies of Christ?
3. How can we see the grace of God being demonstrated here?
  - A. What had these people done?
  - B. What was being offered to them by God?
4. Why is this also an important thing to remember regarding our sharing of the gospel?
5. Are there any sins that people have committed which God is not ready to forgive?

KTFK: still every / Christ assumes / reign alone. / enemy that / the throne, / Risen and / and will / victorious our / he might

Song: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

Prayer: “Lord Jesus, we know you are the Good Shepherd, and that you are the Lamb of God, but help us not to forget that you are also the reigning Christ – the one who will return to bring the final enemies of your purposes to an end. Help us not to adopt visions of you which leave out this very central aspect of your identity and character that we might not begin to dismiss your words or fail to tremble at your commands. Amen.”

## Friday, November 4

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." <sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

1. Have you ever had the experience of being cut to the heart by the proclamation of God's word to you? How would you describe that feeling?
2. What does this experience lead these men to do?
3. What is Peter's response to them?
4. Do you believe that being cut to the heart is necessary in order for someone to embrace the gospel?
  - A. How does that happen?
  - B. To what degree would you say that the presentation of the gospel needs to create that feeling in the heart?
5. How would you describe our own generation? To what degree is it crooked?
6. Which people were baptized on this day?
7. How successful was this message and proclamation of the gospel?

KTFK: from the / the gospel / cutting of / men to / calling these / consent. / repent, and / their hearts / Peter preached / 3,000 gave

Prayer: "Lord God, empower those who are entrusted with the gospel to preach it exactly as your apostles did, and fill them with your Spirit that it might have the same result. Amen."

## Saturday, November 5

Read the entire passage again and review the key thoughts from each day. Which did you find most important for you this week?

Nov 4 - Peter preached / the gospel / calling these / men to / repent, and / from the / cutting of / their hearts / 3,000

Nov 3 - Risen and / victorious our / Christ assumes / the throne, / and will / still every / enemy that / he might / reign

Nov 2 - Though the / Romans nailed / him to / the cross / they lifted / up, it / was the / Jewish people / who forced / him to / drink the / cup.

Nov 1 - All that / happens with / the church / was prophesied / before, as / God brings / to fulfillment / how the / kingdom he'll / restore.

Oct 31 - Filled with / fire from / the Spirit / they start / to speak / in tongues, / and tell / the mighty / works of / God at / the top / of their / young lungs.

## Family Worship 2022 October 31 - November 5 Mission Emphasis Acts 2:1-41

Kids and Parents: See if you can unscramble the daily  
**KTFK - Key Thought for Kids** (Answers on back page)

### Monday, October 31

*When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

*<sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup> both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup> And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."*

1. The day of Pentecost was associated with the Feast of Weeks, which had a dual focus: the first was a celebration of the wheat harvest, and the second of the giving of the Torah (law) at Sinai after Israel had been freed from slavery. Why do you think God chose to pour out his Holy Spirit in this way on Pentecost?
  - A. How is this event connected to a celebration of the wheat harvest?
  - B. How is this event connected to the giving of the Torah after the people had been set free from slavery?
2. Why is it that people around the world speak so many different languages? How are the events of Pentecost related to that?
3. What does that tell us about the gospel and the intention of God through it?
4. What are the two main reactions to the disciples telling in these many languages the mighty works of God?
  - A. To what degree are those two reactions something that the apostles would have to get used to?
5. Have you experienced these two reactions when you've shared the gospel with others?
6. How much of this do you think our missionaries experience?

KTFK: in tongues, / Filled with / to speak / works of / of their / the Spirit / the top / the mighty / fire from / young lungs. / and tell / they start / God at

Song: "Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid"

Prayer: "Father, I thank you for not leaving the nations in the darkness of their sin and behind the barrier of their differing languages, but for breaking through that barrier and continuing to do so today. Lord, continue to bring in the harvest, even among us, and lead us by your Holy Spirit as we continue to make our way to the Promised Land of the Kingdom of God. Amen."