

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

As the people of God we should be committed to reading Scripture every day. Here are daily readings and questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and we would be honored to provide one. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number of the book. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.

### **Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Acts 2:14-21 – Don't forget to set the day to walk with your partner!**

This week we look at the Christian sermon preached by Peter. The goal this week is to get on fire about Jesus, so we can be bold witnesses to others. Read verses 14-15. What is the first thing that Peter must overcome? What criticisms do you face when the Holy Spirit begins to move in you? How does Peter refute their accusations (vs. 16)? Does this prophecy of Joel only apply to Peter and the others or should it apply to us as well (vs. 17-21)? To answer that question, let's look at Joel's prophecy. As you read verses 17 and 18, is there an age limit on who will dream or prophesy? Is there a distinction on who will be filled with the Holy Spirit? It is evident from the description of this day of the "poured-out Spirit" that there are two phases: (1) the blessing phase (vss. 28–29), and (2) the cataclysmic phase (vss. 30–31), when wonders of blood, fire, and smoke appear on earth and in the heavens, the sun is to be blackened, the moon is to become bloody, just before the ushering in of the great and terrible day of Jehovah (v. 31). But before that great and terrible day, what is the promise that God gives us (vs. 21)? How does this apply to you? How does this apply to those you meet daily? Are you filled with the Holy Spirit? How do you know? Do others see the Spirit in you?

### **Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Acts 2:22-31**

Today we continue Peter's sermon. As you read verses 22-24, when was the plan of Jesus' death made? When some people say that God is not bloodthirsty, they are right. But what do these verses tell us about God? We did it, but God fixed it like God always does. Peter takes verses 25–28 from Psalms 16 and 110. Then in verses 29-31, how does Peter explain these verses to the crowd? What does Peter say David means by this passage? How does this tie into verses 22-24 and the plan? What plans do you think God has for you? Are you living into His plan for your life? Are you living into the plan based on what Christ has done for you? The plan is for you to live in the power of the Holy Spirit, which is being poured out over you right now. Are you opened up to receive it or is the Holy Spirit pooling around you, unable to get in? What frightens you about being filled with the Holy Spirit? What hunger is created in you, knowing the Holy Spirit is falling on you right now?

### **Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – Acts 2:32-36 – This is a grand day to pray over your neighbors**

We continue the study of Peter's sermon today with his final points and explanation. What is the first point (vs. 32)? How does it tie into the second point made in verse 33? All this points to the declaration in verse 36. What is it? How does Peter use the words of King David to prove his point (vss. 34-35)? Do you believe that Jesus is both Lord and Savior? Do you believe that Jesus is *your* Lord and Savior? If you do believe this with all your heart, soul and mind, then you should be on fire for Jesus, filled with the same Holy Spirit sent upon Peter and the others. Do you believe this and receive this? If not, why not? And if not, would God agree with your reasoning? What stops you from living fully, overflowing in the Holy Spirit? What would be different in your life, if you let go and let God have his way? Pray today asking God to help you to open up and receive more of the Spirit from Him today. Then make notes on what God does in you and through you.

### **Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> – Acts 2:36-41**

Today we finish the sermon of Peter. We start with verse 36, which we read yesterday. That is because it had such a huge impact on the listeners. What happens because of Peter's testimony or witness (vs. 37)? In response to their question of what to do, how does Peter respond? What are the required steps to have the Holy Spirit? Who is this available to (vs. 39)? As a preacher, my favorite verse is 40. How much longer does Peter preach and teach? What is he urging the listeners to do (vs. 40)? This indicates that not everyone was convinced. So, what was the final result with this urging (vs. 41)? Can you imagine sitting through 3000 baptisms? We complain when church goes 20 minutes over and yet they baptized 3000 in one day! Would you be on fire to help in the baptism of 3000 folks? How can we let the Holy Spirit work in us, so that we can participate in 3 baptisms this year? Who can we reach out to? Who can you witness to? Do not assume everyone you know is saved. Many are still lost and do not know they need to repent, turn to God, and be baptized. Pray today as you walk through the neighborhoods for God to show you who is ready to receive salvation and become part of the church with you.

### **Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – Revelation 8:3-5–You still have today and tomorrow to pray for you neighbors**

Now we turn to the book that is our prophecy of things to come. We talked about Holy Smoke and Fire and leaving the room on Sunday. Here is how John saw smoke and fire used in his vision experience, which was out of this world! As you read verses 3-4, what makes up the smoke and what direction does it float? How does it feel to know your prayers are added to that which worships and honors God? What happens with the fire? The fire that burns within us is the holy fire of God, his Spirit. But the fire that is thrown down on earth represents the destruction of worldly kingdoms. It is a reminder that we are not to hold too tightly to this world and its treasures and promises and power, because it is only God who holds all the power. We experience that power when we are filled with the Holy Spirit. Pray daily for more of God's Spirit in your life. Pray that transformation will be swift so that you can be a bold witness of what God is doing in your life. Let's be a church which experiences Holy Smoke and great balls of fire!

### **Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Psalm 32se read Psalm 32**