



————— ∞ *Week Three* ∞ —————

Original Message Date: May 10, 2020

Message Title: Rushing Wind

This weeks primary Biblical text: Acts 2:1-13

This weeks memory challenge: Acts 2:4 *“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”*

Reading for next week: Acts 2:14-24

————— ∞ *Reflection and Discussion Notes* ∞ —————

Pastor Ethan described key differences between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant.

- What are the key ways God related to humanity, as we see in the Old Covenant?

- In the New Covenant, how have these changed?

- In the New Covenant, what is the principle way God now is present to His people?

Read Acts 2:1

- Our scripture opens in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. What are the important facts about that day?

- Jewish tradition (not directly linked in scripture) holds that Pentecost also celebrates the day God gave the Torah, or Mosaic Law, to the Israelites on Mt. Sinai. Why is this significant?

Read Acts 2:2-4

- The coming of the Holy Spirit is an event with roots in the Old Testament. Two examples are:
 - Isaiah 44:1-3
 - Ezekiel 36:24-27

- What is the significance of God manifesting Himself, through His Spirit, as the ‘sound of rushing wind’ and ‘tongues of fire’? How do we see these ideas elsewhere in scripture?
 - Ezekiel 37:9-14
 - John 3:8
 - Hebrews 12:28-29
 - Matthew 3:11
- How is the ‘filling of the Spirit’ here in Acts chapter 2 distinct from the multiple places in the New Testament where we see a description, and the command, for believers to be ‘filled with the Spirit’?
- When the disciples were “filled with the spirit”, they spoke in “other tongues as the Spirit enabled them”. What is Luke describing here? What are common misconceptions about this unique event?

Read Acts 2:5-13

- What was the response of the crowd to the disciples speaking?
- What was the purpose of the Spirit speaking through the disciples in this way?
- What is the significance of the list of nations Luke provides?
- What is the best explanation for why some people in the crowd thought the disciples were drunk?

What's your biggest takeaway from today's message?

What's your biggest question from today's message?