

Life Sharing & Pioneers

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“Partnering Together For The Cause Of Christ”

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Life-Sharing & Pioneers Lesson 1 “Daily Walking & Living In The Spirit Acts 2:1-24

Read Luke 4:18-19

¹⁸⁻¹⁹ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me, to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

1. Jesus was fully God, but Jesus was also fully human. How is Jesus' life an example of how we can walk in a close relationship to the Holy Spirit? What did Jesus do that we can also do?

2. What kept you from accepting the work of Christ, before you were saved?

Read Acts 2:1-13

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues ^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ^[b] ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

3. What change happened to the believers who were filled with the Spirit on this day that we now called Pentecost?

4. Why do people reject the move of God even when it is obvious that something supernatural has taken place?

5. Why is it that two people can come to the church on Sunday, and one really felt touched by God and the other felt absolutely nothing and does not plan to come back?

6 . What kind of things can you do on Sunday morning to help open people's heart to the move of the Holy Spirit?

7. When was a time when the Holy Spirit broke through to you and made you want to go in a different direction?

8. What kind of things may God do in order to get a church to go in a different direction?

Read Luke 22:54-62 and Acts 2:14-24

⁵⁴ Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵ And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. ⁵⁶ A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him." ⁵⁷ But he denied it. "Woman, [a] I don't know him," he said.

⁵⁸ A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." "Man, I am not!" Peter replied. ⁵⁹ About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean." ⁶⁰ Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." ⁶² And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Acts: ¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ " 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' [a] ²² "People of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, [b] put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

9. What changes do you notice in Peter after he was filled with the Holy Spirit?

10. According to Peter's message, what changes should be taking place in the lives of people in the church who are being filled with God's Spirit?

11. What transforming works of the Holy Spirit have you seen at Glenville New Life Community Church , Calvary Presbyterian Church or in your home church?

Read 1 Corinthians 3:5-9⁵ What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹ For we are God's co-workers; you are God's field, God's building.

12. The move of the Spirit in the life of the church is not the result of the Spirit doing everything. What part do the followers of Christ have in doing God's work?

13. How many different groups are in partnership to help with the move of the Spirit on Sunday morning during worship? Identify the various groups

14. What is your part of the partnership in ministry at Glenville, Calvary, or at your church?

Life-Sharing & Pioneers Lesson 2 “Let Us Commit Ourselves To Each Other As Believers In Christ” Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35

1. Why have “gated communities” (housing developments enclosed with fences and secured gates) become popular in America?
2. How can Glenville or Calvary become a gated community without even realizing it?
3. How intentional are you on Sundays about keeping Glenville or Calvary from becoming gated?

Read Acts 2:42-47 and Acts 4:32-35

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

4. What do we have in common with the believers in these passages of Scripture?

5. How are we drastically different from the believers in these passages of Scripture?

6. When should a believer do something out of devotion for Christ even though he or she might not feel like doing it?

7. What kind of positive attitudes do you find in the saints in these two passages of Scripture?

8. What is one material thing or desire or philosophy you have in your life that may get in the way of your meeting the needs of others?

9. God wants us to strive for unity in the body of Christ? Why do we become content with Disunity as a way of life in the church?

Read Ephesians 4:1-5

¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

10. Why is it so important for us as believers to get along with each other?

11. How does disunity in the church keep the Lord from adding to it daily those who could be saved?

12. What are you taking away from this lesson?

Rate yourself 0 to 10 on these questions with 0 being Never and 10 being always.

1. Do you gossip to others about members of the body of Christ? _____
2. Do you have a critical or judgmental spirit about others? _____
3. Do you forgive others as quickly as you want them to forgive you? _____
4. Do you have a cold heart that shuts out the needs of others? _____
5. Do you ever fail to try to understand the other person? _____
6. Do you simply pray about it instead of doing something to help someone you could help? _____
7. Is there unresolved conflict between you and any other member of the church? _____

Life-Sharing & Pioneers Lesson 3 “ Encouraging Each On, Cheering Each Other, And Building Each Other Up” Acts 4:32-37 Acts 9:23-30

1. Why are their fans at almost every sporting event, and what is their purpose?
2. Why does the church need fans?
3. How do you feel about those who have left the church by simply dropping out and have you done anything to try to bring them back?

Read Acts 4:32-37

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³⁶ Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), ³⁷ sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

4. What do we know about the heart of Barnabus?
5. How was he a fan of the church?

6. Describe a time when someone lifted you up and encouraged you by giving in a sacrificial manner? What affect did it have on you?

Read Acts 9:23-30

²³ After many days had gone by, there was a conspiracy among the Jews to kill him, ²⁴ but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. ²⁵ But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall.

²⁶ When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. ²⁷ But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. ²⁸ So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. ²⁹ He talked and debated with the Hellenistic Jews, ^[a] but they tried to kill him. ³⁰ When the believers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus

7. What do we learn about Barnabus in this portion of Scripture?

8. How would Saul (Paul) have run into problems if Barnabus had not been around?

9. How can we develop more are encouragers and cheerleaders into the life of Calvary or Glenville?

10. Whom can you identify as a cheerleader for Glenville New Life Community Church or Calvary Presbyterian Church who is not on the church paid staff? What makes this person stand out.

11. When was a time someone believed the best for you, even when you could not see it for yourself? How did it help you become more of what God wanted you to be?

12. In what ways can you become more of cheerleader or encourager in the body of Christ?

13. Whom has God placed around you outside of the church, that you need to become more of a Barnabus or an encourager in their lives.

14. What do you think would happen if Glenville or Calvary doubled the numbers of encouragers in its membership?

15. What are you taking away from this lesson?