

We > Me
Next Steps
October 4, 2020

Opening Prayer:

We have come together to share, to grow and to change.

May we all feel safe with each other. Safe to explore the scriptures and question. Safe to consider new ideas.

Safe to share our lives with each other, and with our amazing God. Amen.

Quote:

Don't ever forget that a small group of thoughtful people can change the world, it's the only thing that ever has. Margaret Meade

Breaking the Ice:

What is your favorite “community” depicted in a TV show, movie or book? Share about a time or a place where you really felt a part of a community? What were the elements that could be reproduced?

Wrestling with the Word:

Read: Acts 2:14-18

- As Peter stood to address the crowd, the other 11 apostles stood with him. How might that be significant? How could we stand with one another today?
- Peter explains that what they have seen and heard had been spoken about by the prophet Joel. How do our connections with believers in the past help us today?
- Peter emphasizes that the Holy Spirit is poured out on all, not just the select few. How does this action point to the importance of community?
- How do Peter’s words point to a new way for people to live as community?

Next Steps:

- The crowds ask themselves “what does this mean?” What does the pouring out of the Holy Spirit mean to us today?
- Are there times or people that you have dismissed because what they were saying seemed like the utterances of “drunk men,” later to see that God was at work in them?
- What are some visions and/or dreams you have for the church? How might you inspire others to catch the spirit?
- How can you make yourself available to live out dreams much bigger than yourself?

Prayer for the Week:

Holy Spirit, we ask you to fill us with the same passion as Peter and the apostles to share the Good News in our communities and to the ends of the earth. Help us to see that ministry is best done together. Let us find ways to invite others to join us on the journey and not the sprint of faith. Amen.