



## **Sermon Study Guide**

**Sunday, May 31, 2020**

***Pentecost 2020: Born for This***

**Acts 2**

**Key verse:** *When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. Acts 2:1 (ESV).* **Key idea:** *On Pentecost (1) the church was born as (2) the Holy Spirit was poured out (3) to empower us to carry out God's mission in the last days*

Read through Acts 2. We also recommend watching Sunday's sermon again on the White Fields website, YouTube channel, or Facebook page. Pause the video, reflect on, and discuss areas that challenge you or speak to you in a significant way.

- 1. Pastor Nick tells us that on the day of Pentecost, the church was born. Read Acts 2:42 aloud and discuss what the foundational practices of the early church were and how these practices have influenced modern church.**
- 2. Read Matthew 16:13-18 aloud. Jesus proclaimed that He would build His church on "this rock". Considering this week's sermon, what do you think Jesus meant by this statement? Secondly, how would you answer the question Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?". Consider and discuss the fullness of who Jesus is.**
- 3. Pastor Nick stated that times of hardship can lead to incredible times of cleansing and new growth. In this time of coronavirus and civil unrest, how is it possible for the church to be cleansed and experience new growth? Is it also possible that we, individually, can experience these things as well?**
- 4. In his sermon, Pastor Nick discussed the fact that all people have the Holy Spirit in them. He also discussed the idea that there are some who, despite this fact, have hardened their hearts against God. Is there someone in your life who has hardened their heart towards God and to the promptings of the Holy Spirit? If so, how can you speak into their lives to open their hearts and minds to the reality of a living, merciful God?**
- 5. The "Last Days" began when Jesus ascended into heaven. Since we know we are living in the last days, discuss what actions you can take today to reflect this understanding?**

**Pray for our nation as we struggle with the effects of coronavirus and the social unrest we are seeing throughout our nation. Pray that we may be cleansed and experience new growth during this time. Pray for our pastors, our church, and our community. Pray that God will use this time to draw others close to Him.**