

SO WHAT? now WHAT!

“Please Speak My Language”

MAIN POINT

God gives spiritual gifts to speak people’s language, so that they can experience God.

READ ACTS 2:1-13

KEY POINTS:

- God desires the intimate relationship with us that humans originally had in the Garden.
- Throughout biblical history God has routinely drawn closer to us, and made it possible for us to draw closer to God.
- Jesus reunited us with God, the Holy Spirit connects us more intimately with God. God now also dwells within us.
- The Holy Spirit dwells within us for our own transformation and equips us to engage with others in a way that can connect them with God.

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CONNECT:

What is something unique about you that helps to connect you with others?

Do you have a particular hobby, skill, or passion that others share?

What was something new or helpful for you that initially stood out about the sermon or this text?

ENGAGE:

In what ways does God appear in Acts 2:1-13? What does this imply about how God shows up to us?

Earlier in John 14:25, Luke 24:49 Jesus suggested the disciples wait for the Spirit to come. Why would waiting be helpful and what does it imply about our needs for effective ministry?

What is it about the disciples' message and then the way the church behaves in Act 2:42-47 that is so magnetic for the people who seemingly already had a sufficient religion?

APPLY:

Do you feel like you have ever tried to do something on your own, without asking the Spirit for help, and wished you had first asked?

How do you feel God helps you love or minister to others? Do you sense you have a gift for doing it in a specific manner?

What language do you think you could speak to someone(s) around you?

How could this group encourage you to speak "their" language? It could require more margin in your life, sharing your resources, engaging with difficult people. Etc.