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The Power of Pentecost: The Harvesting of Souls., wk4

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Exodus 23:14 Three times a year you are to celebrate a festival to me.

We are talking about 3 Incredibly Powerful Impartations that occurred on Pentecost in Acts 2:

1. By His Spirit, God began to write His Word on our hearts.
2. God has filled us with His presence and His power.
3. And thirdly, Pentecost is the beginning of the end time Harvesting of Souls.

The Feast of Pentecost is also known as Shavuot (Feast of Weeks) or Feast of Harvest.

Leviticus 23:15-16 From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, count off seven full weeks. Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath, and then present an offering of new grain to the LORD.

The Feast of Pentecost is also called the Feast of Harvest because it was the firstfruits of the wheat harvest from the Spring planting.

Everything in the Old Testament is just a shadow of a greater reality that is fulfilled in the New Testament through Jesus.

God's provision is not just physical, but spiritual as well.

In preparation for this day, Jesus taught his disciples...

Acts 1:4-5, 8 Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit...You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

The reason for the power is to be His witness to a lost and dying mankind. The reason for the power is for the Great Harvest of Souls!

Acts 2:14, 32-33, 38-39 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd....God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear....Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call....

Acts 2:41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

In addition to the offering of a physical firstfruits we continue to bring to God as part of our worship, we are now commissioned by the Holy Spirit to bring a spiritual firstfruits of souls to God as part of the Great Harvest for eternity!

The power of the Holy Spirit in us is not just for us to be a better Christian, or to feel closer to God, but to also infect a dead world with the life of God!

You are a harvester of souls.

You too, are to see your vocation, your club membership, your community, your interests as a place God has called you and equipped to be his witness that people may be saved for eternity!

We are all in places of influence and we all have been empowered by God's Spirit to witness to the resurrection, life, hope and forgiveness found in Jesus. Do your part. Trust God in you to do what you can't, so that your life can become more than you ever imagined! Let's go church...let's rescue this crazy world!

Life Group Discussion

1. Discuss this week's memory verse:
Acts 1:8 You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
2. Review the Three Power Impartations of Pentecost and discuss their significance to us in these Last Days:
The Word written on our hearts, 2) The Spirit living in us, and 3) The commissioning to be His witnesses.
3. We talked briefly about tithing this week as a part of our worship and trusting in God. Do you have any questions about this practice? Does anyone want to share a story of God's faithfulness with regards to tithing and His provision?
4. Today, the church is people. How do you see yourself called and placed to be His witness and ambassador? How impactful do you see the church becoming if each of us begins to view ourselves in this light, instead of seeing church services as the only means of reaching people?

