**Missions Month: Trinity: Pentecost – Christian Lindbeck**

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**Discussion Guide**

* This discussion guide can be used by an individual, a family, housemates, or a small group.  All of our small groups are moving to an online format.  If you would like to be in a small group please [go to www.hcbellingham.com/smallgroups/](http://www.hcbellingham.com/smallgroups/) or email [smallgroups@hcbellingham.com](mailto:smallgroups@hcbellingham.com).

**For Leaders**

* We have three priorities this season
  + 1 - Connect people to Jesus
    - Spend some time in Scripture and prayer together.  When meeting online this will be shorter than in person usually, that’s okay.
  + 2 - Connect people to one another.
    - Make sure you spend time every week letting people share how they are feeling and doing.
  + 3 - Connect to the needs around us
    - Ask your group how the people they know are doing.  Encourage them to be reaching out and caring for those around them.  Even if someone is stuck at home they can use the phone to reach out to those they know.

**Hook (Check-in)**

* How is everyone doing this week?
* If you are on your own, check in with yourself.  How are you doing this week?

**Read Scripture (These were referenced in the service on Sunday; read any and all)**

Exodus 19:18, Exodus 24:15-18, Exodus 34:29-35, Exodus 40:34-35, 1 Kings 8-9, Isaiah 6:1-4, Ezekiel 43:1-5, Acts 1-2, I Peter 2:5-10, I Corinthians 3:16, 2 Corinthians 5:18-21.

**Book**

* As Pastor Christian did, look through scripture and remember/read about those who followed God, how they fell or stumbled, and how God continued to reach out and restore. (i.e. Noah, Cain, Joseph, etc.)
* Reread Acts 2 about the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost. Notice the places referenced. The known world was expanding at this time. Find a map and point out where all of the people referenced came from and note the already expanding reach of the Gospel. The Holy Spirit’s work is grand and far reaching.
* During those days, there were many who were God fearing and following who had ached and prayed for the Messiah and the outpouring of God’s spirit. What do you think they felt and how do you think they remained faithful during that time of waiting? What do you think they felt when it all came to pass?

**Look**

* Jesus absorbed the rebellion into himself to show people a way to be restored. How does this look for the church? How can this be communicated in our world in ways that can be heard… not just verbally?
* The fracture between us and God is real and present in the lives of those around us. How can we better pray?
* Reread 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 – What does this call us to do? How should this shape our interactions as a body of believers?

**Took**

* The Holy Spirit applies the work of Jesus and restores the lost relationships. Recall your own restoration. What does the knowledge or remembrance of this truth do to us today?
* How does the long arc of this story, the ultimate fulfillment in Jesus and release of the HS, and the promise of resurrection and renewal, encourage and challenge us today?
* In relationship to a previous question: Similarly to believers who were patiently waiting the Messiah, we now wait for the return of our Savior. What does faithfulness during this time look like? What feelings do we have now and what do we anticipate in the glorious return of Jesus?

Pray