

## **Pentecost**

**Open The Conversation:** Share one thing you have planned this summer!

**Key Scripture:** Read the following together.

*15 Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high,*

*And the wilderness becomes a fruitful field,*

*And the fruitful field is counted as a forest.*

*The Peace of God's Reign*

*16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness,*

*And righteousness remain in the fruitful field.*

*17 The work of righteousness will be peace,*

*And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.*

*Isaiah 32:15-17*

1. What does this scripture tell me about me?
2. What does this scripture tell me about God?

**Start Sharing:** Choose one question to start the conversation, move onto others if time allows.

- Where in your life do you currently feel like a "wilderness" that needs the Spirit's transforming work? Isaiah describes the Spirit turning wilderness into a fruitful field and a fruitful field into a forest. What area of your life are you asking God to make fruitful?
- Have you been trying to live the Christian life in your own strength instead of depending on the Holy Spirit? Jesus commanded His disciples to wait for the Promise of the Father. What might it look like for you to slow down and become more dependent on the Spirit's power rather than your own effort?
- How aware are you of the Holy Spirit's presence in your everyday life? The message emphasized that the Holy Spirit is not merely a doctrine, gift, or experience, but a Person. How would your daily routines, decisions, or relationships change if you lived with greater awareness of His presence?
- Why do you think Jesus commanded the disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit before beginning their mission? What does this teach us about the relationship between ministry, obedience, and dependence on God's power?

- The message contrasted the Holy Spirit as a "visitor" in the Old Testament with the Spirit who "remains" in believers after Pentecost. How does that truth shape your understanding of life under the New Covenant? What practical differences should that make in how Christians live today?
- The message describes Pentecost as the beginning of "the age of the Spirit." What evidence should we expect to see in a Spirit-filled church and a Spirit-filled believer? How do Isaiah's fruits—justice, righteousness, peace, quietness, and assurance—help us evaluate spiritual maturity beyond gifts or experiences?

**Start Praying: Pray together and for one another.**

*“God, we trust You to bring fruit into our wilderness. We choose to lean on your strength instead of our own. We thank You for the Holy Spirit who is always with us. Amen.”*