**“God’s Future Has Arrived”**

Going deeper in Acts 2:14-21

**INTRODUCTION** – Jesus has ascended into heaven which paved the way for the complete unveiling of the Holy Spirit. The disciples have been praying together. As they are meeting with the many who are in Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost (also called Feast of Weeks) the Holy Spirit comes. There is a powerful wind and fire. Each begins to speak in their native language, but all can understand each other. There is confusion and some who are watching accuse them of being drunk. Peter stands to explain what has just happened.

**READ** – *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.* 14 Peter stood up with the eleven and raised his voice, “Fellow Jews and all who dwell in Jerusalem, I want you to understand so please hear my words. 15 These people are not drunk as some of you suspect. They have not had time to get drunk since it is only nine in the morning. 16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17 “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. 21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Joel 2:28-32)

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. What do you think Peter was feeling when he stood up and tried to explain what had just happened? How is this different from Peter’s and the other disciples’ actions in John 18:25-27 and John 19? What would explain the difference?

2. What do you think those present thought about the passage in Joel 2:28-32 prior to this?

3. What do you think the wind and fire signify?

4. Why do you think the Spirit enabled them to speak in their native languages and to understand each other?

5. In your understanding of the role and function of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament how is this different? Why do you think that is?

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Each day tell the Lord that the day belongs to Him and you want to do His will for that day.

\*Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to do His will for the day.

\*Tell the Holy Spirit that you will listen for His voice today.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

God’s future has arrived in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit comes to fill each person who has accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior. The Holy Spirit empowers you to do God’s will for your life. What is the Holy Spirit prompting you to do this week? Will you?