



Text: Acts 2:1-13
Title: Happy Birthday

Growing Deeper Together:

2015-05-26

Fellowship Question: Do you have any birthday traditions? What are they?

If you could add one, what would it be?

Read Acts 1:8; 2:1-13

Why is church history important for us to know?

Discuss when this took place in OT history, and in salvation history.

Why is this helpful for us to understand?

Who was there for Pentecost?

Why does this matter?

Why do you think there were so few followers of Jesus after His 3 years of earthly ministry and so many after the sermon at Pentecost?

What happened?

- What do you think the significance of:
 - Rushing wind was
 - Fire
 - Speaking in languages those gathered could understand

Why did this happen?

- Pastor Rob said it gives us:
 - Power to witness
 - Power to walk
 - Power to live together in a church family

Discuss these things.

Are you living your life in the Spirit?

For implications:

- Believe: Discuss why this is so foundational to living life in the power of the Spirit
- Surrender: Discuss how you can do this in big and small choices
 - Why is this so important?
 - Are you surrendered to Jesus? Why or why not?
- Live: Discuss why we need the Spirit to live victorious Christian lives

Why is it important we see Pentecost as a one time experience, but live in the power of the Spirit now?

Why do you think that every time the term, Filled with the Spirit is used in Acts that it is marked with sharing the Gospel with power?

How can you be more effective at living a Acts 1:8 life?

How can you love the church, and serve her more effectively in light of her birthday?

Prayer:

Ephesians 3:14-21

Pray for the Joint Leadership Retreat meeting.