

John 20:21-22 ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

- **SENT:** Father → Jesus → Spirit → Church

Acts 1:3-14 TURN HERE

Acts 2:1-12 TURN HERE

Gen 11:1-9 TURN HERE

Gen 12:1-3 TURN HERE

Exodus 19:6 ⁴ You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you shall be to me **a kingdom of priests** and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

- **A kingdom of priests.** What does that mean?
- **Shephelah** – the missionary intent of the promised land.
- **Holiness and Mission** - God's wise and loving laws, covenantal faithfulness, and over the top divine blessing intended to spark regard for God's name.
- **Unfaithfulness.**

Romans 2:24 ²⁴ For, as it is written, "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."

- **Exile** – Assyria (8th c bc), Bablyon (6th c bc)
- **Jeremiah 24** Good figs – exiled with divine missionary intent – what people would you send to the darkest places?
- **Diaspora Jews**...many never returned to make their home in Palestine. They merely made pilgrimage for major worship holidays.
- **Pentecost** – diaspora Jews from every nation and people and language...(missionary strategy, anyone?)
- **Babel Undone!** The rightful center of our unity. The unity God will bless. Draw out the parallels between Babel and Pentecost.
- **The people ask Peter, "What does this mean?"** Peter explains: "This is about Jesus!" Repent. Believe. Baptized. Receive the HS. Everyone. All access.

- **They Stayed in Jerusalem.** 3,000 saved in one day...what a glorious time of unity and blessing and learning and sharing and miracles and people getting reconciled with God! But weren't you supposed to go to Judea and Samaria and *the ends of the earth*?

Acts 8:1,4 ¹And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles... ⁴ Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.

- **SENT:** Father → Son → Spirit → Church
- 1) *We need the HS for mission.* The disciples needed the HS for the mission. How much more do we?
 - 2) *We need the HS for holiness.* Israel failed at mission when she failed at holiness. The New Cov. – accomplished by the HS.
 - 3) *God has promised us the HS.*
 - 4) *Let's pray and wait upon God to give us more of the HS.*

Ezekiel 36:26-27 ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Luke 11:11-13 ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"