



Pentecost – Discussion Questions for Wednesday, June 12

Please keep in mind that these questions are optional. If you use these questions, you do not need to answer each one.

Bible verse: 1 Corinthians 12:13-14

Bible reading: Acts 2:36-43

1. What did you learn about the Holy Spirit and His activity on Sunday?
2. The Bible reading referenced the work of the early congregation, specifically Acts 2:42: *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.* How do we continue in these ways today?
3. The Holy Spirit has been active throughout the history of the world. Knowing the tragedies and the dark times that have scarred history, even the tragic moments in the history of the church of Christ, why do we continue to trust in the Holy Spirit to be our comforter and guide?
4. In the course of the sermon, the Chief Apostle gave examples of the Holy Spirit's activity in the church of Christ, the apostles, congregations big and small, and individual members. Share examples that you remember from the service, or examples that you have experienced personally.
5. Read Mark 4:26-29, the Parable of the Growing Seed. What does this parable tell you about the kingdom of God? How does this compare to the Chief Apostle's description of the Holy Spirit throughout the divine service?
6. After the disciples received the Holy Spirit, they had the courage to go out and preach the gospel powerfully in Jerusalem, and baptize new believers according to the Great Commission given by Jesus prior to His ascension. What has the Holy Spirit given you the courage to do?
7. How does the Holy Spirit help you to recognize that Jesus Christ is the Son of God? Can you think of an example?
8. In addition to Holy Communion, how does the Holy Spirit provide strength? Have you experienced this provision during times of suffering or difficulty? If yes, how?
9. Chief Apostle Schneider spoke much about being thankful for the Holy Spirit and His activity in the church of Christ and the apostolate. How can you demonstrate this thankfulness in your own life and also in the congregation?