**May 31st, 2020**

**Sermon Series: *The Glory of Christ***

**Sermon Title: *Empowered to Share the Glory of Christ with Our World***

**Passage: *Acts 2:1-13***

**Sermon Author: *Prince Thomas***

1. Read Acts 2:1-13 aloud.
2. Discuss your initial observations of the text.
3. According to a Global News report, “*roughly 11 million Canadians will experience high levels of traumatic stress in their family and work settings during and after the pandemic.”* Please spend some time discussing how each group participant and their loved ones are doing/coping in this time.
4. Charles Spurgeon, a 19th century pastor who is commonly referred to as the “Prince of all Preachers” is quoted as saying that, “*if there be any one point in which the Christian church ought to keep its fervor at a white heat, it is concerning missions. If there be anything about which we cannot tolerate lukewarmness, it is the matter of sending the Gospel to a dying world*.” In your opinion, what are some steps a local church may take to ensure that they don’t tolerate lukewarmness in their commitment to proclaim the Gospel to those within their spheres of influence?
5. Many Christians would affirm the statement that the Gospel is humanity’s only true source of lasting hope, however, many believers are reticent to verbalize the Gospel with others. Why do you think some Christians are reluctant to share the Good News of Jesus with others within their circles?
6. Acts 2:4 informs us that upon being baptized with the Holy Spirit the disciples began to speak in other tongues. If you are comfortable, please discuss as a group your theological position on the gift of tongues?
7. Prince described Gospel contextualization as the process of communicating the timeless and never-changing truths of the Good News of Jesus to others in a manner that takes into account the backgrounds and worldviews of the people whom you are sharing the Gospel with. How can a local church in Canada engage in this contextualization process when sharing the Good News of Jesus with people of diverse backgrounds in their surrounding communities?
8. The Spirit of Christ empowered the disciples with everything they needed to be effective in Christian ministry, the same Spirit empowers us today to do the work of Christ in our world. What are some practices you have in place to help you grow in your awareness of the Spirit’s presence in your life and ministry?