

TAKING WORSHIP INTO YOUR WEEK



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“I don’t understand” is a phrase we’ve been saying to ourselves, to others, and (I hope) in prayer rather often lately. Life is changing so rapidly, rules are being revised every time we turn around, and it’s hard to know how to keep up. We’re in very good company with the first followers of Jesus, who didn’t understand it when their teacher and Lord had been arrested, crucified, and then – of all things – raised from the dead! We can’t blame them. Who would understand any of that, as it was happening? It turns out that we can put our trust in Jesus just as they did when we don’t understand life, because He promises to tell us everything we absolutely need to know about life. Remember to wear red this Sunday, and look forward to a great celebration of Pentecost!

1. Read Acts 1:1-21. Consult your Bible Study notes to find out: What was “Pentecost?” What were the people in Jerusalem celebrating? And why were there so many Jews from all over the Mediterranean world there at that time? (see vs. 5)
2. If you are reading and using “Taking Worship Into Your Week,” please stop here. Email me at jsproul@stlukeaa.org to let me know that you’re using this resource.
3. Look up Ex. Chapter 3 and remember the story of the burning bush, when the Lord appeared to Moses. Compare what occurred there to what occurs in Acts 2:3. What connections do you see? What similarities? Differences?
4. Read vs. 17-21 of Acts 2 again and consult your study Bible to answer, “to what was Peter referring when he spoke of the “last days?” Are we in the “last days” now?
5. The message of the followers of Jesus (how many of them? See Chapter 1) was understandable event though an amazing variety of languages was being spoken in that event. Ask yourself: Do I understand the “language” of the people around me to the extent that if I were to testify about Jesus, I would be able to speak in a way they understood?

Pray: Lord Jesus, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit on Pentecost, so that your gospel would be understood by all who heard it; bless us now, in our day, to speak the “languages” of the people around us in a way that they, too, understand your plan of salvation. In the name of the risen One, Jesus, we pray it. Amen.