

| Theme &<br>Passages  | Pentecost Sunday<br>John 7:37-39   | Notes prepared by Gill<br>Hawkins & Neil Casey |
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| Welcome<br>(10 mins)   | When have you been seriously thirsty, how did it happen and what did you do? How did it feel to receive a drink?   |  |
| Worship<br>(15 mins)   | If you can, get outside for this worship time. Our gardens are a riot of life bursting<br>forth these days. They speak of God's power and blessing. Take 5min to prayerfully<br>walk in the garden or even down the street. See what natural sight catches your eye.<br>Either photograph it with your phone or maybe, with the owner's permission, pick<br>something to bring inside. In a sentence explain to your group what caught your eye<br>about it. Allow the reflections to stir faith and listen to Holy Spirit Fall<br><u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cN8VQqNGde8</u><br>the new Pentecost song we sang on Sunday, bring your prayers of worship and ask<br>Holy Spirit to fill those in the group.  |  |
| Working<br>with God<br>(20 mins)<br>5 marks of<br>mission:                     | This week we hear from our international mission partners Joze Cazar and his daughter Miriam from New Life Church in Slovenia. <u>You can see Joze and Miriam's</u> <u>4min video here.</u> Our long-standing partnership with New Life Church focuses on our shared commitment to evangelism, one of the five marks of mission. As we reflect on the events of Pentecost Sunday, when followers of Christ from different countries received the power of the Holy Spirit so that they could go into all the world to share the good news of Jesus, we see that same mission being lived out today in the relationship between BBC and New Life Church.  |  |
| <b>Evangelism</b><br>Discipleship<br>Compassion<br>Justice<br>Creation<br>Care | Joze was very clear in stressing the <b>importance of relationships</b> when it comes to evangelism. Take some time as a group to share the relationships that you are investing in with the expectation that those we are in relationship with will begin a lifelong relationship with Jesus.   |  |
| Cale   | Joze was also very clear in stressing the <b>importance of prayer</b> as brothers and<br>sisters sharing in this big mission that we have been empowered for by the Holy<br>Spirit. Take some time as a group to pray for our friends from New Life Church in<br>their evangelistic efforts, especially for the success of their evangelistic radio work.<br>And take some time to pray for one another specifically focussing on being<br>empowered in our sharing good news with those we are relationships with.  |  |
| Word<br>(20 mins)  | <ul> <li>Read John 7:37-39 Water for the Wilderness</li> <li>On Sunday Gill explained that the feast of Tabernacles at which Jesus speaks out this invitation is a celebration of God's provision for the children of Israel in the wilderness. She talked about areas of wilderness in our own lives.</li> <li>What place in the world have you visited that is the most like a wilderness?</li> <li>Where do you feel there is some wilderness in your own life?</li> <li>What experiences have you had that were like Gill's midwife analogy where Jesus' presence brought relief without necessarily resolution?</li> <li>Do you have a friend or family member where you see an area of wilderness? Pray for them together now (there is no need to share names, Jesus knows who you re praying for)</li> <li>Who would like prayer to strengthen the presence the Jesus that they bring into the world? You could anoint one another too!</li> </ul> |  |