

# CHURCH IN THE PARK & PENTECOST SEASON

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## Church in the Park & Pentecost Season

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ANCHOR Acts 2

### A WORD BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Pentecost season took us outside - church in the park, baptisms in the open air, and three messages about knowing the real Jesus, meeting Him at the fire of old failures, and running your own race. When the Spirit shows up, the church spreads out.

*How to lead this: one message per gathering. Open with the Start Here question - everyone answers, no wrong answers. Read the scripture together. Read The Word aloud, or in turns. Let the questions do the work. Declare together, take the Go Do It seriously, and land the night on the prayer. Your job isn't to have the answers - it's to keep the circle honest and finish on time.*

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## 9:19 Worship Experience

*Know the real one and the counterfeits lose*

### START HERE

*What's the best knockoff you ever bought - and when did you find out?*

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

*"O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth?"*

- Galatians 3:1, KJV

Read also: 2 Corinthians 11:4 | Galatians 3:1

### THE WORD

Paul asks the Galatians a question with an edge on it: who has bewitched you? They hadn't stopped believing in Jesus - they'd drifted toward a different one. A pseudo Jesus. Same name, wrong weight. The texture's off. The value is off.

Deception rarely announces itself. It operates through false narratives that quietly distort your perception - of God, of yourself, of what the fight even is. The defense isn't paranoia. It's familiarity. Know the real Jesus so well that counterfeits feel wrong in your hand.

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### TALK ABOUT IT

1. How would you describe the real Jesus to someone who's only met counterfeits?
2. Where do false narratives distort your perception of God?
3. 'The fight is fixed.' How does that change how we fight?

### DECLARE TOGETHER

**I know the real Jesus, and no counterfeit fools me.**

**No false narrative gets to write my story.**

**The fight is fixed; I've already won in Him.**

**I obey the truth, not the trend.**

### GO DO IT

**Read one Gospel chapter a day this week - meet the real Jesus fresh.**

### PRAY TOGETHER

*Jesus, be so real to me that every imitation loses its shine. Where a false story has crept into my thinking, replace it with the truth. In Your name, Amen.*

## Same Fire (John 21:15-17)

*God restores at the site of the failure*

### START HERE

*What's a smell that instantly takes you back somewhere?*

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

*"Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?"*

- John 21:16, KJV

Read also: John 21:15-17 | Acts 2

### THE WORD

Peter denied Jesus beside a charcoal fire. Then the risen Jesus cooked him breakfast beside another one. Same smell, same glow, same man - different ending. God took Peter back to the scene of his worst night on purpose, because restoration happens at the site of the failure, not in avoidance of it.

Three denials; three 'lovest thou me' questions. Restoration is not God erasing your past - it's Him refocusing your heart, rebuilding your faith, and restoring your name. The first fire revealed his failure. The second fire restored his identity. And fifty days later, a third fire fell at Pentecost and released his destiny.

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### TALK ABOUT IT

1. Peter failed at a fire and was restored at one. Where is God taking you back?
2. What's the difference between God erasing your past and refocusing your heart?
3. What would it mean for your BC self to die?

### DECLARE TOGETHER

**God is not finished with me at my worst moment.**

**The site of my failure is the venue of my restoration.**

**My old self is dead, and I'm not doing the eulogy twice.**

**There is a third fire coming - and it releases destiny.**

### GO DO IT

**Revisit the place of an old failure in prayer and let God rename it.**

### PRAY TOGETHER

*Jesus, take me back to the fire I've been avoiding. Ask me the question, hear my yes, and give me back my name. In Your name, Amen.*

## What Is That to You (John 21:19-22)

*Eyes on your own race*

### START HERE

*Growing up, who were you always compared to?*

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

*"...what is that to thee? follow thou me."*

- John 21:22, KJV

Read also: John 21:19-22 | Luke 5:1-11

### THE WORD

Peter, freshly restored, immediately looks over his shoulder at John: Lord, what about him? And Jesus answers with holy bluntness - what is that to you? You follow Me. Comparison shows up fastest right after redemption, when you finally have something to measure.

Somebody else's assignment is not your assignment, and their timeline is not your delay. Delay does not cancel identity. You are the head and not the tail even when you're not ahead.

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***"What is that to you? You follow me."***

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### TALK ABOUT IT

1. Where does comparison sneak up on you after God has blessed you?
2. 'What is that to you?' What race is actually yours to run?
3. How does delay test identity - and how do we hold on?

### DECLARE TOGETHER

**What is that to me? I follow Him.**

**My race has my name on it and nobody else's.**

**Delay does not cancel my identity.**

**I am the head and not the tail, even when I'm not ahead.**

### GO DO IT

**Every time you compare this week, say: 'What is that to me? I follow You.'**

### PRAY TOGETHER

*Lord, every time my neck turns toward somebody else's lane this week, turn my eyes back to You. My yes is for my race. In Jesus' name, Amen.*