

Grab Gather Grow

Week of Sunday, May 20, 2018
**Grab this study, gather a few people,
and grow in faith**

PENTECOST

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-20 and John 16:4-15
(read over the scripture together)

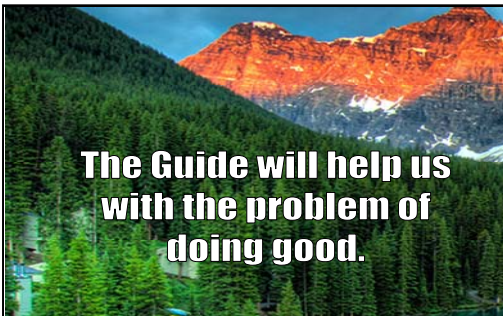
OPENING PRAYER

On Pentecost Day long ago, your great Spirit, O God, came upon the saints in Jerusalem. May your Spirit come upon us and this community of faith, the heart of the Brooklyns, here this day. We welcome the flame and light of your Spirit here in this place today. Renew us with an energized faith and affirm us as your people here to study and celebrate with strength, courage and hope in Christ. Amen.

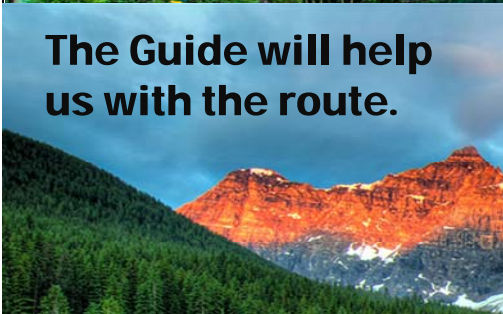
DISCUSSION (one or two or ...)

Discuss the following statement ...
When we look at Jesus' last words to his disciples in the gospel of John, we might see them as an advertisement for the "hard" adventure the followers of Jesus have ahead of them. The Twelve had followed Jesus up and down the hills of Galilee, on the long road to Jerusalem and through the deserts of Judea. They had been in storms that might have drowned them, confronted demons that terrified them and seen miracles that blew their minds.

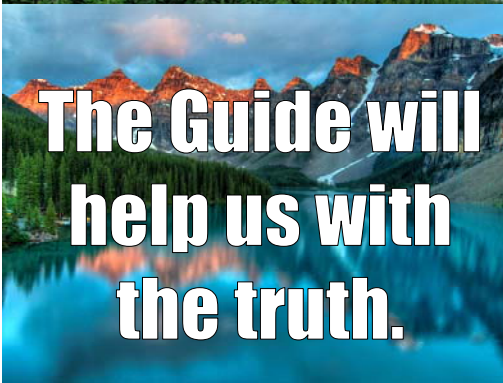
Talk about some times in your life where you needed a good guide. What are some times in life where you need the Holy Spirit's guidance?



The Guide will help us with the problem of doing good.



The Guide will help us with the route.



The Guide will help us with the truth.

The world thinks success is measured by material things. The world thinks that greatness is when people are your servants. The world thinks that the one with the most toys wins. The world thinks that wisdom comes from being highly educated. The world values a "me-first" mentality. The world values the pleasure principle. The world values popularity, power and position. How does the Holy Spirit Guide help us to reverse these judgments?

SERVE

Our Change for Change offering for the rest of May, is supporting BUMC sending our children and youth to camp.

Camping is a vital part of our ministry and saving our change, or making a special gift to help give scholarship to our children and youth helps so many of them go to a camp this summer. Can your **Gathering** raise some funds or give to Camp Scholarships? How about sponsoring a camper?

Life sometimes is a very hard adventure. In what way could your gathering help someone having a hard journey?

Memorial Day is on the Monday the 28th. Could your **Gathering** attend a Memorial Day Service on the 28th? If you can consider a service project, volunteer to help clean up the Cemetery of which you will be attending a Memorial Day Service.

Extra Scripture Reading this week...

Acts 2:1-21



FAITH
share read talk pray bless



AT HOME THIS WEEK

Share your High and Low of the day; read the daily scripture; talk about it; pray about each others highs and lows, and at the end of the day, bless each other with the blessing below or one of your own.

SUNDAY: John 15:26-27

MONDAY: John 16:4b-11

TUESDAY: John 16:12-15

WEDNESDAY: Acts 2:1-4

THURSDAY: Acts 2:5-13

FRIDAY: Acts 2:14-21

SATURDAY: Jeremiah 29:4-7

BLESSING: "My the Spirit Guide you on this "Hard" Adventure"