

## Discussion Guide for Living Hope: Part 12

### 1. Read Acts 2:1-18 and review the sermon outline.

What parts of Sunday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear or troubling?

**2. Truth:** The point the "sign of languages" was two-fold:

- 1) The Jews had abandon God by rejecting His Messiah.
- 2) God was turning His saving attention to the Gentiles.

Why would the proclamation of the mighty works of God in the languages of the Gentiles be a shocking sign to the Jews?

### Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

- What is the primary effect of the baptism of the Holy Spirit?
- How does the baptism of the Holy Spirit effect our relationship with Christ?
- How does the baptism of the Holy Spirit effect our relationship with one another?
- How does this "sign of languages" emphasize the new sweeping unity of believers?

### Read Galatians 3:26-29

- In addition to racial divisions (neither Jew nor Greek), what other categories of division does Paul reject in 3:28?
- What are the basis for the equal value and dignity of all believers in this passage?
- How are we doing as a church promoting racial equality?
- What could we do better?
- How are we doing promoting biblical gender equality as a church?
- What could we do better?
- How are we doing promoting equality among believers of differing social statuses?
- What could we do better?