

Life Group Topic #16
Pentecost

WELCOME: (15 minutes)

Which of your birthdays is the most memorable and why?

WORD: (45 minutes)

This past Sunday the church around the world celebrated Pentecost: the birth of the church. (Acts 2:1-4). In recent years that celebration of Pentecost has been linked to a global outpouring of prayer....

A Global Day of Prayer

All together in many places. As dawn broke on the first Pentecost, Christians were gathered “all together in one place” (Acts 2:1).

Arising from Africa. In 2001, one stadium in Cape Town, South Africa was filled with 45,000 people to pray. In 2002, it expanded to eight stadiums and 350,000. A year later 2.5 million gathered in 130 stadiums. On May 2, 2004, the movement exploded to nearly ten times the size. More than 22 million rallied in prayer at more than 2,000 sites throughout every single country on the continent of Africa (56 nations). Leaders from most major traditions of Christian faith called their people to join in this historic act of united prayer.

Multiplying Across the Face of the Earth. African Christians issued the same call for repentance and prayer to believers around the world. The result was the first Global Day of Prayer on Pentecost Sunday in 2005, drawing an estimated 200 million people. In 2006 to the present on Pentecost Sunday, even greater numbers of Christians gathered in almost every country on earth.

May 23, 2010. This year a Prayer for the World will be used in gatherings around the world and will be part of our multi-lingual prayer in our Sunday services at South Abbotsford.

In your Life Group this week- pray through the Prayer for the World. After each of the 7 sections, take time to discuss it together and how it applies to our life here in the Valley.

The prayer is attached below or also at www.globaldayofprayer.com.

WITNESS: (15 minutes): **Soul Cravings**

This section is a vision-casting time designed to get the group strategizing and making concrete plans towards reaching outward to a lost world. The eternal destinies of our friends and neighbours are hanging in the balance. Soul Cravings booklets and the training DVDs are available at the church office.