

## St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

*EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2024! Leading to Worship Sunday, May 19, 2024*

### **Reading: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15; Acts 2:1-21**

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's You Tube channel. This week's video finds us at a local fitness gym, thinking about our "before and after pictures," when we are filled with the Holy Spirit! Click here: <https://youtu.be/Ry5dxkR14Tc> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

### **Three Points**

- In John 15 and 16, Jesus is describing the "Advocate," the Holy Spirit that Jesus is sending for his disciples when he is taken from the world.
- Jesus assures his disciples (and us), that the Holy Spirit will "testify" and help us "testify" for him – about the truth of Jesus.
- In Acts, we hear the story of Pentecost, where the Holy Spirit comes to the disciples while they are in Jerusalem for a harvest festival, with tongues of fire, and the disciples speak in foreign languages about prophecies and Jesus.

### **Two Questions**

- Why do you think the Pentecost story happens on, well, Pentecost (meaning originally the harvest festival 50-days from Passover)? How often do we make our own plans and then become surprised by something else God is doing? Do you see that in the Pentecost story?
- How do you feel the Holy Spirit coming to you? What do you feel called to do? Do you think everyone experiences the Holy Spirit in the same way? How are you a reflection of God? What do you see in others that is different from you, but still a reflection of God?

### **Action Step**

- This week, focus on being your best vessel for the Holy Spirit! God makes us different, and fills us differently! What's your calling this week?

*Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?*

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!