**SMALL GROUP LESSON**

MAY 20, 2018

**THE SINGLE MOST HOPEFUL SCARIEST WORD**

ACTS 1:1-9 AND 2:1-21

When was the last time you heard a sermon on Pentecost? Maybe once or twice or perhaps never! Well, this inspiring sermon is about Pentecost and both it and the passage of Scripture upon which it is based deserve our attention. So let’s begin with a question about “the single most hopeful scariest word.”

1. That word, of course, is “change.” Do you like change, or do you like things to stay the same? On a scale of one to ten, ten being the highest and one being the lowest, what number would you select that best describes your openness to change?
2. Do you think the disciples were ready for the changes that they experienced on the day of Pentecost?
3. How did those changes affect Jesus’ disciples and the crowd of people who responded to the message that Peter preached on that day?
4. Are there some changes that you think God should bring about in the life of our church? If so what do you think they should be?
5. In light of what happened at the school in Texas this past Friday, do you think there are some moral and spiritual changes that need to take place in our nation?
6. Our church has begun a prayer ministry after our morning worship services. Would this be a good time for us to gather together to pray, asking God to bring about some much needed changes in the life of our church and nation?