Acts 2:1-13 The Trailer

Focus: to show the initial fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Spirit and empower His disciples to be witnesses and to align our lives with that purpose.

Resource:

Here is a link to a helpful article on our text by Bob Deffinbaugh:

https://bible.org/seriespage/pentecost-acts-21-13

Here is a link to a collection of amazing resources on the status of taking the gospel to the end of the earth:

http://joshuaproject.net/resources/handouts

a good optional discussion would be to lay one of these alongside Acts 1:8 and ask what people think God longs for us to do in response to the remaining need?

Discussion:

- Read Acts 2.1-4 and discuss the meaning of the various ways the Spirit manifests Himself: like wind, as fire and in the ability to speak foreign languages (see Is. 66.15; Ex. 13:21). How would you explain to someone who has never read this story before, what is going on here?
- Read 2.5-11. Why do you think Luke provides such detail regarding the different peoples who heard? Why do you think he gives so much detail about this and so little detail about the amazing stuff in vv. 1-4? How do you explain the reaction of the people in 2.12-13? How ought this prepare us for people's reactions?
- How is this story a preview/trailer of the life and mission of the church? Read Acts 1.8 and ask what this promise means for our church? and for you and your family?

