

The Promise of Pentecost

Insights from Leviticus 23

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I. The Detailed Counting (Leviticus 23:15-21)

- **Pentecost 50 Days**
- **Shavuot 7 Weeks**
- **First Fruits Torah + Spirit**
- **Day after the Sabbath?**
- **3rd Day for Yeshua**

II. The Prophetic Pictures (Leviticus 23:15-17)

- **Barley 3rd Day = Messiah**
- **Wheat 50th Day = Holy Spirit**
- **Two Challahs?**
- **Jews + Gentiles united!**

(Ephesians 2:11-16)

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This Week's Discussion Guide

Welcome to our fifth week of our current nine week small group season at GPC before we take a summer break in July and August.

This past Sunday and this upcoming Sunday, Pastor Bob has invited Rabbi Barney Kasdan to return to GPC and share from God's Word.

We are pausing our study through the Gospel of Mark for two weeks to read and reflect on what the Bible says about Pentecost.

It is our prayer at GPC for our Sundays and small groups to provide the encouragement we all need to support each other as we desire to grow closer to God and build friendships as part of our vision at GPC to raise up committed Christ followers in a healthy church community.

Getting Started:

Each week, we typically start out with a few lighter questions to get us warmed up :).

In Leviticus 23:15-21, we read about about "The Feast of Weeks" which was one of the Jewish feasts described in the Old Testament.

Speaking of feasts, what fun memories do you have when you were part of a gathering that included some travel, family and some great food?

Like the other six Jewish feasts, the Feast of Weeks is important in that it foreshadows the coming Messiah and His ministry.

Each of the seven Jewish Feasts signifies an important aspect of God's plan of redemption through Jesus Christ.

Speaking of looking forward to something special, as a kid, what was something that you looked forward to (either an annual event or a one time event) that brings back happy memories?

Reviewing and Reflecting on the Passage:

Let's read the passage from last Sunday. (Leviticus 23:15-21)

After reading this passage and looking back on our notes from Sunday, was there a particular thought, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you or raised a question for you?

Digging Deeper:

1. Why is the 'day of the Sabbath' emphasized in Leviticus 23:15?
2. From Leviticus 23:16, what is the significance of the "50 day count"?
3. What were the two gifts from God given at Pentecost (Acts 2) that Barney mentioned and why are they important?
4. Why are there two Challahs (special bread) lifted up by the Priest described in Leviticus 23?
5. Let's read and reflect on Ephesians 2:11-22 which was at the passage Barney shared with us last Sunday that describes Jews and Gentiles uniting together in Christ.

What do you think is the main truths God is wanting to reveal from this passage to us?

What other insights or questions do you have from this passage?

Wrapping Up:

What is an application from what we read or discussed together that you would like to practice in the coming days?

Is there anything that came up from this week's sermon or discussion that you would like prayer for?

Is there anything else on your heart that you would like to express prayer for?