

BREAD AND SALT VIDEO: Tongues of Fire Discussion Guide



Acts: 2:1-12

1. Today we'll be looking at a brief video, *Tongues of Fire*, part of the Bread & Salt series produced by our Diocese. It's mostly about Pentecost and the first apostles to Armenia, Sts. Thaddeus and Bartholomew. But you'll see it's also about communication, about our values, and about what it means to truly follow Christ. Let's watch and then we'll talk.
2. *View the video.*
3. What struck you about the video? What did you like?
4. The disciples were gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, a harvest festival. Jesus had told them before He was taken up into heaven (ref: Acts 1:4-8) that they should wait for Him in Jerusalem and the power of the Holy Spirit would come upon them.
5. Let's look at what happens next in the Bible, Acts 2:1-4. What sights and sounds surround them, as so beautifully depicted in the video?
6. What gift do they receive? (*ability to speak a foreign language*)
7. How have they changed and what are they supposed to do next? (*they have gone from disciple to apostle to spread the Good News throughout the world*)
8. How does it help to know the language of a foreign country when you visit?
9. Do you agree with the narrator that we are cursed with a failure to communicate even *with* the convenience of cell phones, social media, computers, etc.? How?
10. The story of the Tower of Babel reveals how humanity's pride divided them into different languages, unable to communicate. The narrator tells us: "They crafted their own idols." What does this mean? Do we have idols we worship over God today?
11. The video depicts the two apostles we call the first Enlighteners of Armenia. Who were they and why that title?
12. Although we see the men traveling together to Armenia and this is a beautifully imaginative way to picture their mission, they actually went to Armenia at two different times in the 1st century.
13. We hear that they went on foot, that it got colder and more mountainous, and we see them stumbling over rocky terrain. What other difficulties would they have experienced? (*finding food, wild animals, encountering enemies, getting lost*)
14. Google Sts. Thaddeus and Bartholomew and let's see what more we can learn about them.
15. You will graduate from Sunday School soon, moving also from disciples or students into apostles or messengers. What will *your* message to others be?
16. *Replay the video*