

Pentecost, 2 Timothy, and Us

Misc. Passages

The Book of 2 Timothy

Theme: Selecting Elders and Deacons moves God's *Story* forward.

The Big Picture:

As it relates to the liturgical calendar and the Jewish calendar, Pentecost happens 50 days after Passover. Pentecost is the last of the spring feasts. Jesus fulfilled all of the spring feasts on the day of the historic event. I am of the opinion that he will also fulfill the three remaining fall feasts on the day of the event. My intent in this study is to show how PENTECOST connects to 2 Timothy and to us as a local church in the 21st century.

In order for us to make the necessary connections, we need to understand the larger drama that began in the Garden, continues to this day, runs through us, and into the future.

Outline:

- I. Going back to the Garden [what is it that God is after?]
- II. Going through the Cross [what does the cross actually accomplish?]
- III. Going into Pentecost [what is PENTECOST in the context of God's overarching drama/vision?]
- IV. Going beyond Acts [what is ACTS and the LETTERS?]
- V. Understanding 2 Timothy [how does 2 Timothy {or any New Testament writing fit} into all of this?]
- VI. How do we fit into all of this?

Shepherding the Sheep: (What is the NEXT STEP?)

This is not all we could say about Pentecost, but it is an aspect of this *Story* that we must know. It is only in knowing this *Story* that we can have a biblical vision, mission, directive, and philosophy for local church ministry. It is because of this *Story*, we are putting forward these individuals as Elders and Deacons. The selection, examination, and voting is all part of this one *Story* with Jesus at the center. What we do today is not ancillary to the *Story*. What we do today pushes the *Story* forward. Let us learn to weigh the significance of God's movement in our midst and continue to catapult it forward by our active and intentional participation in it.

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