



Not As You Suppose

June 5, 2022

Acts 2:1-4; 12-21

Connect

- If you've been baptized, share of your experience. Where did it occur? Who was there? What did it mean to you at *that* time? What does it mean to you *now*?
- If you've not been baptized, is it something you're interested in learning more about? Have you had reservations to being baptized? What would it mean to you to be baptized?

Engage

- Read *Acts 2:1-4; 12-21*. It's Pentecost Sunday!!! It's the day we celebrate the birth of the Church universal and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Broadway turns 64 years old this year. In human years, one might deem us retirement age. Is that a fair description of who we are as a church? Why/why not? What should we be doing in our "retirement"?
- Our students profess the same statement of affirmation as anyone does when they join our church. The statement is as follows: "*Do you believe Jesus is the Christ, and in honor of that profession, commit yourselves to ministry here, in our city, and even to the ends of the earth?*" To re-hone your own commitment, break this down in three parts for sake of discussion...
 - What does it mean to believe Jesus is the Christ?
 - What does it mean to live a life that honors that profession?
 - What is your ministry? How do you make a difference in the world?
- Peter shares that our daughters will prophesy and our sons will have visions. How do we make room for the voices and visions of the next generation of the Church? What is required of us to do so?
- Mark shared the quote that says, "*Direction determines destination, not intention.*" Discuss.
- If you could offer one word of advice to today's newly baptized, what would that be? How do you live by that same word of advice?

Next Steps

- As we celebrated seven students professing their faith and experiencing baptism this weekend, take a moment to send one or more of them a note of encouragement. *Who supported you in your faith journey? Who encouraged you? What made a difference in your walking the faith forward?* Be that kind of support to one or more of these students. They will be encouraged and it might do some good for your soul too.

Pray

"No matter what catches our gaze, Lord, there is always more than meets the eye. There's a depth to all of life that you invite us to mine to its core that we might understand your beauty to its fullest. Today, we see the depths of the waters of baptism and recommit ourselves to this walk of faith. Guide us with strength. Amen."