



MAY 11-17

Shavout and You

Prepare

Reflect on Jim's sermon and read Acts 2:1-12.

Ice-Breaker

Would you consider yourself a beach, country, or city person? Why?

Discussion Time

Read

Read Acts 2:1-12 together.

Discuss

1. What part of this reading challenges you? What part encourages you?
2. What questions do you still have?
3. What points stood out to you from the teaching in this week's sermon?
4. Jim talked about the difference between the God of Law and the God of the Spirit. "You may have grown up learning the things that God expects of you, and that's good. But if you stop there, you have an *institutional* faith. You have a checklist. The Christian *movement* means taking those rules for life that you've learned and using them like an artist would, to bring life to people who are hopeless."
Do you connect with this idea? What image of God were you brought up with?
What image of God do you have now?
5. Jim talked about the ideas of C.S. Lewis, saying "God wants us to grow up not to be mindless robots obeying his every command, but more of ourselves, actually more free, more of what he designed us to be. He really cares about us and wants us to grow into mature adulthood. He's preparing us for export. Not to be rid of us, but to send us out in the world as Christian missionaries, listening to God speak directly to us and preaching the gospel to every corner of the world."



How should this idea change how we are living today - right now? Are you living in this way?

6. What can you apply to your life based on the Scripture, our discussions, and the sermon?

Pray

Close by sharing prayer requests and praying for each other. As you pray, remember Jim's challenge to us: *"If you've lived in fear of a God who is doing nothing but waiting to judge you, I want you to begin to pray that God would speak to you directly and guide you in his ministry."*