

Sermon Series

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# Place

Rooted, Uprooted,  
Re-Routed



# Narrative Arc of “Place” in Scripture

ROOTED

UPROOTED

RE-ROUTED



# **Acts 2: Pentecost**

**describing an unprecedented  
sensory experience**



# **Acts 2: Pentecost**

**What does this mean?**



# **Acts 2: Pentecost**

**What should we do?**



# **Acts 2: Pentecost**

**an uncommon event launches  
“the common”**



**For those who heard this message, a new social reality begins to take hold of them, moving between 3 wonderful points of reference**

**-Willie J. Jennings**



**the apostles' teaching and communion,  
the sharing in meals, and prayer... and  
these characteristics will make this new  
community and be the way that  
communities in the future are identified.**

**-Willie J. Jennings**



# **Acts 2: Pentecost**

**The reorientation of time,  
resources, & hospitality  
produces a contrast community**



## **Acts 2: Pentecost**

**What form of common life would make  
the church uncommon today?**



# Acts 2: Pentecost

**Jesus' way *translated* into all  
languages and cultures**





West End

Downtown

Strathcona

Hastings-Sunrise

Grandview-Woodland

West Point Grey

Kitsilano

Fairview

Mount Pleasant

Vancouver

UBC

Arbutus-Ridge

Shaughnessy

South Cambie

Riley Park

Kensington-Cedar Cottage

Renfrew-Collingwood

Dunbar-Southlands

Kerrisdale

Oakridge

Sunset

Victoria-Fraserview

Killarney

Marpole

SEA ISLAND

MITCHELL ISLAND

**1. What's one thing that characterizes your neighbourhood? (in other words, what do you love about where you live?)**

**5 minutes**



**2. What's something that would make your neighbourhood a better place for everyone? (in other words, what's the good news your neighbours need?)**

**5 minutes**



**3. Use your answers to write a prayer specifically for your neighbourhood:**

**In \_\_\_\_\_ [neighbourhood], you give the gift of \_\_\_\_\_ [what you celebrate].**

**May Jesus' way be good news for this place, activating/offering/bringing \_\_\_\_\_ [what the neighbourhood needs].**



**Example:**

**At Trout Lake, you give us live music and intergenerational picnics.**

**May Jesus' way be good news for this place, bringing peace between business owners and people who live rough on the street.**



We give thanks to you, God, for you are good.

**In \_\_\_\_\_ [neighbourhood],  
you give the gift of \_\_\_\_\_ [what  
you celebrate].**



**May Jesus' way be good news for this  
place, activating/offering/bringing  
\_\_\_\_\_ [neighbourhood's need].**

**Leader: May Jesus' common way be  
launched among us.**

