

Shake it Up Discussion Questions

In Acts 2, the Holy Spirit shook things up to move the disciples out from Jerusalem. Rev. Brenda said that "earth shaking" experiences make us move from where we are to reevaluate where we should be. She said moving from "here" to "there" requires that we be shaken up. These catalytic events provide opportunities for movement, and we must be prepared as a community to move out in witness.

1. What have been some of your catalytic "earth shaking" experiences? How did they cause you to reevaluate the status quo? How have you been transformed by moving?

2. What is your "here", your "Jerusalem" that keeps you comfortable? Where is your "Judea" or the place where you don't feel completely at home? Where is your Samaria, or the place you'd never dare go? Why?

3. When God shakes us up it forces us to ask some new questions, like the people in the passage when they asked "What does this mean?". What new questions has God been giving you?

4. Peter was positioned as the "rock" when he stood to give his best sermon at Pentecost. In the same way, God is calling leaders to be in place. Where are you positioned? Where are you in leadership in our church? Where are you serving at our church?

5. If God brings an earth shaking catalytic event into the life of our church, how are we preparing for it? Why do we see hardship as a lack of God's presence? Are you willing to press in and press on when things get hard? Are you supposed to be "here" (this city, community, church etc.)? If so, why?

4. God did not send a community of witnesses out, but a witnessing community. We are not called to do this on our own, but in community. How can you and your small group (or leadership team) witness together? What can you specifically COMMIT to?