

# Beloved

## **Beloved: The Holy Spirit is the Strategy**

*March 27th & 28th*

**Speaker:** Pastor Joel Schmidgall & Pastor Ernest Clover

**Scripture:** Acts 2

### **Series Overview**

“This is the marvel of marvels,” said C.S. Lewis, “that he called me Beloved.” We are beloved by God. His love is where we find our identity, our security, our authority. Then, and only then, can we become what Dr. King called the beloved community. We lead with love - we love because He first loved us.

### **Series Discussion Questions**

What does it mean to be a beloved community?

### **Message Overview**

The multicultural movement in Acts 2 is rivaled by no other in all of scripture. Different ethnicities, different backgrounds, different languages all came together in a moment to receive the grace of God. This moment is known as Pentecost. We tend to think of the multi-cultural community and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as separate and unique topics. But the fact is, they are inextricably intertwined in Scripture. This is where a vision to journey from diversity to unity to a beloved community, is birthed! At Pentecost, the Spirit hyper-valued uniqueness and diversity in speaking to so many unique languages and cultures. And He hyper-valued coming together in unity, in sharing one Spirit and one calling of salvation. The Holy Spirit is absolutely, one hundred percent, over and above all other things, the foundation to our multicultural vision. And the baptism of the Spirit is our empowerment to live it out! Will you join us in exploring this power packed story and also seeking the gift of God, the active person of the Holy Spirit in our lives today so that we can live out his calling?

### **Message-Specific Discussion Questions**

**What do you think Revival looks like in today's society?**

Pastor Joel Stated: “In the beloved community, where race, ethnicity, cultures collide, we’ve got to seek the Holy Spirit to allow us to truly understand the goodness of God in others!” **How are you allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you in this practice?**

How would you respond to this question stated by Pastor Ernest: “**Do we, like Peter, and the disciples who were in the Upper Room believe that we too are living in a time where Scripture will be fulfilled?**”

**Read Zechariah 4.** Share an experience where you were brought to a similar resolve like Zerubbabel, “**Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit**” (vs 6).

Building a beloved community calls us to be a student of one another. **What would it look like to be a student of a different cultural group, political group, or gendered group than you?**

### Practical Application

- Pastor Joel and Pastor Ernest joined in communion and blessed each other this week. **Take some time to Pray a blessing over someone this week.** Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you as you pray over this person.
- [NCC Daily](#) continues this week covering our **Beloved series**. Join us Monday through Friday as we dig deeper throughout this season of Lent.
- Climb the stairs to the [Upper Zoom](#) each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:14am. We’ll come together as a community to start our days in His presence together, listening intently, and responding in prayer. **Register at [ncc.re/UpperZoom](https://ncc.re/UpperZoom).**