

## SERMONS

### June 8 Chad

Title: **What God Wants**

*Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23*

Today we “celebrate” Pentecost. Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the church. Is it possible that we may have domesticated this whole thing a bit? Sure, we change the liturgical color to red and all, but are we sure we even *want* what the Spirit pours out in this passage? Maybe Pentecost is less about what we want and more about what God wants.

### June 15 Natalia

Title: **Go**

*2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20*

The great commission. A familiar set of verses for anyone who has grown up in the church. But does it really mean what we think it means? Jesus leaves his disciples with some final words of wisdom, and while they were unsure of their own abilities to do all the things Jesus asked of them, it all started with one word: Go.

(Note for Nate: Light Up the Sky, either during or directly after message - WITH video)

### June 22 Natalia

Title: **Swords and Crosses**

*Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 10:24-39*

Sometimes we hear Gospel stories about vines or mustard seeds and we can generally follow them pretty well. And then sometimes, we have this text. “I did not come to bring peace but a sword” Jesus says - and “whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” These are STRONG words with a harsh message for those of us who claim we are followers of Christ. How can the “Prince of Peace” give us such a violent message? And what might it mean for us today?

### June 29 Chad

Title: **Dangerous Hospitality**

*Romans 6:12-23; Mt 10:40-42;*

As a group of POP members return from an incredible Vision Trip to Tanzania, we consider this passage about providing hospitality. Today we will share some of the ways our group experienced biblical hospitality in that beautiful and impoverished African country. Our experience in Tanzania confirms what we read in Matthew’s gospel today, hospitality is a matter of life and death.