

Sermon Series:	<b>IMPACT</b>
Today's Message:	<b>Barrier Breaker</b>
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**Barrier:**

**"an obstacle that prevents movement or access"**

**Mark 2:15-16 (ESV)**

**15** "And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. **16** And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, 'Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?'"

**Jesus tore down BARRIERS between GOD/MAN and MAN/MAN.**

**Acts 2:5-8 (ESV)**

**5** "Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. **6** And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. **7** And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?'"

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**Pentecost demonstrates God's invitation to ALL PEOPLE to enter His Kingdom.**

**The impact of Pentecost is that BARRIERS have been BROKEN.**

**"There won't be any railroad tracks in heaven. So, let's start living that way now." – Dr. Willie Bolden**

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**Application Challenge:**

What barriers stand between you and others who differ from you? What barriers have you put between God and others?

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Pray and ask to be empowered by the Holy Spirit so that you can break barriers to extend the love and hope of God to others. Take a step out of your comfort zone this week to show kindness or to talk to someone whom you would typically put up a barrier to avoid.