

The Church of the Pentecost
Next Steps
June 5, 2022

OPENING PRAYER:

We have gathered together to grow in our faith and our knowledge of your ways. It is our desire to be people who seek your Spirit. We ask that your Spirit strengthen us to do your will and your work. May we be a church that offers faithful witness and holy sacrifices so all the world may be transformed by your message of love. Amen.

Quote

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.” Prayer of the Holy Spirit

BREAKING THE ICE:

What was one of the most exciting times in your life where you were able to get rid of something old and replace it with something new?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read Acts 2:1-21

- What are they saying as they spoke in tongues? How does this change the people’s reaction to what is being said?
- Compare this encounter with the Holy Spirit to other places where the Holy Spirit is present in Acts (Acts 8:14-20, Acts 9:17-20, Acts 10:44-48, Acts 19:1-7).
- Peter claims that the prophecy from Joel 2:28-32 is fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. What are some of the claims of this prophecy? How do they line up with the events of Pentecost?

NEXT STEPS:

- What words, phrases, images, or descriptions about Pentecost raise questions for you, encourage you, or confuse you?
- The Holy Spirit manifests in many different ways. Have you seen the power of the Holy Spirit at work in your life? In the life of your church?
- After Peter’s testimony, many were motivated to respond. Are you being called to respond to the message of Pentecost? If so, how?

CLOSING PRAYER:

God, we thank you for these words. Help us to apply them to commit our lives and to you, the ministry of this church and to service to all the world. Jesus, continue speaking to us so that we can know your will and follow you. Holy Spirit, guide us in a way that leads to hope, love and grace. Amen.



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