

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of May 23 - May 29, 2021

The Spirit Filled Life

Acts 2:1-41: Pentecost 2021 - The Promised Helper

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

What is your favorite breakfast restaurant in Colorado? What is your favorite item there?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

MAIN POINTS

On Pentecost the promised Helper came to give birth to the church and to empower us to carry out God's mission in the world.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Read Acts 2:1-4.** Pentecost (fiftieth day) began fifty days after Passover, and celebrates the great harvest. What great harvest is beginning with the arrival of the Holy Spirit in this passage?
 - a. **Read Acts 2:17-18** (Peter quotes from Joel 2:28-30). Once more, God fulfills an Old Testament prophecy. How is your trust in God's plan strengthened by this passage? Is there evidence of God's plan continuing to be fulfilled in modern times? In what ways?
 - b. **Read John 4:35 and Matthew 9:38.** These passages also speak of the harvest. How has the Holy Spirit encouraged you to labor for the harvest?
2. Some Christian organizations falsely teach that the Holy Spirit is an impersonal force. Read the following passages from scripture and discuss what personal attributes are evident in the person of the Holy Spirit:
 - a. **1 Corinthians 2:10-13.**
 - b. **1 Corinthians 12:11.**
 - c. **Romans 15:30.**
 - d. **Acts 13:2.**

3. Read the following passages from scripture and discuss the concepts of the Holy Spirit's presence in three different ways; With, In, and Upon:
 - a. **John 16:7-13**. In this passage, Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit being with us. What power is given by the Holy Spirit in this capacity?
 - b. **John 14:17 and 1 Corinthians 3:16**. From these passages, what truth can be drawn from the Holy Spirit being in us?
 - c. **Acts 1:8**. What are we as believers encouraged to do when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.
4. Discuss our primary sentence in terms of the answers to the previous questions.
 - a. *On Pentecost the promised Helper came to give birth to the church...*
 - b. *...and to empower us to carry out God's mission in the world.*
 - c. In what ways has the Holy Spirit empowered you to carry out God's mission?

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week's study, what is important for you to remember and why?

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS:

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