

Pentecost Sunday Discussion Guide

Theme: Empowered by the Spirit

Primary Text: Acts 2:1–21

Main Idea: The Holy Spirit was poured out at Pentecost to empower God's people to live boldly for Christ and participate in His mission.

Opening Question (Icebreaker): Can you think of a time when you felt completely unprepared for something—but somehow found the strength to get through it?

Read the Passage Together: Acts 2:1–21

Observation Questions

(What does the text say?)

- What stands out to you about what happens when the Holy Spirit comes?
- What are some of the visible and audible signs described?
- How do the people respond to what they see and hear?

Interpretation Questions

(What does it mean?)

- Why is it significant that people from different nations hear the gospel in their own language?
- What does Peter say is happening in light of Joel's prophecy?
- What does this passage teach us about the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church?

Application Questions

(What does it mean for us?)

- How does the coming of the Holy Spirit change what it means to follow Jesus?
- Where do you need the Spirit's power in your life right now?
- What would it look like for you to live more boldly in your faith this week?
- How can we, as a group, be more open and responsive to the work of the Holy Spirit?

Group Prayer Time

- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill and empower each person.
- Pray for boldness in sharing the gospel.

- Pray for sensitivity to the Spirit's leading in everyday life.

Leader Notes

- Keep the focus on empowerment for mission, not just the event itself.
- Emphasize that Pentecost is not just something that happened—it defines the ongoing life of the church.
- Create space for people to share personally, but keep the discussion grounded in Scripture.