

CLARITY

discussion guide

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Pentecost

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BELONG

Have you ever traveled to another country where you didn't speak the language? How did you communicate?

GROW

Read [Acts 2:1-4](#). Pentecost, which means "fiftieth," is/was also called the Feast of Weeks. It was celebrated 50 days after Passover and was the middle of the three important Jewish harvest festivals—with visitors in Jerusalem from all over the world. What is significant about this Pentecost in Acts 2?

At this Pentecost, we see not only the coming of the Holy Spirit but also the start of the Church.

What does the passage say that the people heard? In what way might this help us understand the Holy Spirit?

What did they see? How does this help us see God's power?

What did they receive? What might be the significance of the words "on each one of them" in verse 3?

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Read [Acts 1:5-8](#). Why was it important for them to be together? What was significant about the Holy Spirit's coming? According to this passage, how is receiving the Holy Spirit tied to telling others about Jesus?

After Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit into the life of a person upon believing in Jesus becomes a normal event. It is illustrated by different words in numerous places in the book of [Acts \(1:5, 2:38, 8:15-17, 10:47\)](#). How is the Holy Spirit described in these verses?

Read [Acts 4:8](#) and [4:31](#). How might the filling of the Holy Spirit in the life of someone who is already a believer be different from what happens at salvation? How might it be similar?

How does sin affect our relationship with God? What should we do about sin? (Hint: [Ephesians 4:30](#), [1 Thessalonians 5:19](#), [1 John 1:9](#))

How is the Holy Spirit helpful to believers? (Hint: [Acts 1:8](#), [Ephesians 5:18](#)) How has the Spirit been helpful to you? How has this passage helped you understand the Holy Spirit more clearly?

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Acts 2:1-4

Monday

John 6:22-59;

Psalm 78:63-72; Proverbs 15:21-23

Tuesday

John 6:60-7:24;

Psalm 79:1-5; Proverbs 15:24-26

Wednesday

John 7:25-52;

Psalm 79:6-13; Proverbs 15:27-29

Thursday

John 7:53-8:38;

Psalm 80:1-10; Proverbs 15:30-33

Friday

John 8:39-59;

Psalm 80:11-19; Proverbs 16:1-3

Saturday

John 9:1-41;

Psalm 81; Proverbs 16:4-6

serve

Thank you for continuing to be the Church even when we can't meet in the church building. Many of you have continued to serve your families, neighbors, and community during quarantine in creative and kind ways. Please consider dropping off some extra food for one of our food pantries in Fayetteville. I've heard from the Salvation Army that they need styrofoam to go boxes, plastic cutlery, and napkins as they are serving their weekly meals curbside. You can drop these items off at the shelter.

pray

Pray for global worker, Lauren, that God will draw her friends close to Him while she is away on home assignment.