

LIFE GROUP notes

24 May



Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Pentecost



Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member what the Holy Spirit did on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2?
2. What Jewish festival was celebrated according to Exodus 23:16? **(The festival of harvest.)**
3. What does 1 Corinthians 2:10b tell us about the Holy Spirit? **(For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.)**
4. What does Luke 1:37 tell us about God? **(For nothing will be impossible with God.)**



Let's go deeper

5. What did the new believers devote themselves to in Acts 2:42? **(The Word of God; fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer.)**
6. What were the qualifications for the first deacons in Acts 6:5? **(Full of faith, and the Holy Spirit.)**
7. What message was proclaimed in Acts 11:20 that led to the church in Antioch? **(The good news about the Lord Jesus.)**
8. What does Acts 19:10 tell us? **(That all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the Word of the Lord.)**



Let's apply this

9. Acts 1:8; But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

For effective witness, we need the Holy Spirit's power. The Holy Spirit wants to give us His power to witness about the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Surrender to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to give you, His power.
- Use your testimony this week to speak to people about Jesus.
- Pray for God's people this week, and encourage them to ask the Holy Spirit for His power to witness.

SUMMARY:

Pentecost: Holy Spirit in the book of Acts

Read: Acts 1:8 and Acts 2:1 – 11 until 19:10.

The name, Pentecost (50th), comes from the fact that it took place 50 days after Passover. Pentecost was a feast of harvest; see Exodus 23:16 and Deuteronomy 16:10. It was one of the three feasts that called for a pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit in power was meant for witness and world evangelism; a great harvest in the field of the world, and that is exactly what happened – 3000 people were harvested for God and given eternal life on the day of Pentecost, the feast of harvest.

Who is the Person of the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God: Eternal – Hebrews 9:14; Omnipresent – Psalm 139:7; Omniscient – 1 Corinthians 2:10; and Omnipotent – Luke 1:35.

How did the Gospel advance in the book of Acts?

In **Acts 2:37 – 41**; we read of radical salvations people were born-again and baptised

In **Acts 2:42 – 47**; we read how these new believers were developed as a priesthood of believers; by devoting themselves to the Word of God, prayer, fellowship, and the breaking of bread. And that the Lord added daily those who were born-again.

In **Acts 6:1 – 7**; we read how leaders were recognised, raised up to lead, and released to lead in the church of Jerusalem.

In **Acts 8:4 – 8**; we read that the church in Jerusalem became a base from which believers were scattered to other towns, cities and regions preaching the Word.

In **Acts 11:19 – 26**; we read that a New Testament church was planted in Antioch, from the church in Jerusalem and that many other churches were planted in the book of Acts in various regions.

In **Acts 19:10**; we read that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks. An entire region was reached with the Word of God.

How can we respond to the Holy Spirit?

Dirty glass illustration – The Holy Spirit cleanses and purifies us.

Broken glass illustration – The Holy Spirit heals our brokenness.

Upside down glass illustration – The Holy Spirit can't fill us if we closed to Him.

The purpose of a drinking glass is to be filled; the Holy Spirit wants to fill us.