

Acts 2:1-13 | John 15:1-17

The Holy Spirit Comes

- Together in one place
- Filled the house where they were sitting.
- Flames like tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.
- Everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit.
- They began speaking in other languages as the Holy Spirit gave them the ability.

Good News moves out.

And we all hear these people receive the Holy Spirit.

Remove Barriers.

Receive the fullness of His presence.

- Speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done.
- Stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?"
- Others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, "They're just drunk, that's all!"

My Next Steps:

- Receive the Holy Spirit.
- Remove Barriers.
- Receive the fullness of His Presence.

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>

Looking back over what Jeff talked about on Sunday, was there something you'd like to share?

How good are you at waiting? How do you handle the impatience that comes from knowing something good is coming but it's not here yet? Can you relate to Jesus' followers as they wait on promised coming of the Holy Spirit?

Connect to God's story

Take a moment to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion as you read the Scriptures together.

Read Acts 2:1-21.

The Holy Spirit is what the disciples were waiting for. When He came what are some things that happened? Do you think this is what they were expecting?

What does it say they were declaring in all these different languages? What is the significance of all the languages when it comes to the pouring out of the Holy Spirit? Is this work of God only of the Jewish people?

Read Joel 2:28-32.

What does Joel's prophesy say happens when the Holy Spirit is poured out on all people? What is the significance of "all" and "everyone" in this passage?

Peter quoted from Joel on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came and filled Jesus' followers. How is God continuing to pour out His Spirit on the church today?

Read 2 Peter 3:8-13.

Peter wrote about the great and dreadful day of the Lord that Joel is referring to. (a final judgement day coming for all humanity) How does God send a lifeline to anyone who calls on him? Why is it important that you respond to the Lord?

Have you called on the name of the Lord and found salvation? If so, share your story with the group. If you haven't called on the Lord for salvation then why not today? Take some time to courageously share with your group where you really are today in relationship with the Lord.

"... everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

- Acts 2:21 (NIV)

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful relationships with Jesus and each other through the study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25).

Here's how we accomplish this in our community throughout the week:

SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life by following Jesus.

SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Throughout the Life Group session, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways the Father has designed you to serve and make a difference in His kingdom as He conforms you to the image of His Son! (Romans 8:28-30)