

HOW IT STARTED

HOW IT'S GOING

WEEK 2 - PENTECOST

OVERVIEW

Before we can understand the powerful explosion of this world-changing movement, we must understand the spark which set it ablaze. That spark was the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the disciples at Pentecost. What we will come to realize is that this moment not only connects the Church to the entire history of God's work through Israel, but it establishes a new reality of God's movement in our world which each of us can experience and participate in today.

Everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

Acts 2:4

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you describe what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit?
2. Read Acts 2:1-4, Jeremiah 31:33, Exodus 19:16 What are some of the parallels that Barry was drawing between Acts and these Old Testament passages?
3. How was this time in Acts a "second Mt. Sinai" as Barry described?
4. What is the history of Pentecost, and why is it significant that this is when the Holy Spirit came to dwell within Christ-followers?
5. In Acts 2:13-21, Peter explains that what was happening was predicted by Joel- the Holy Spirit was being poured out on the people. Did they believe him? Why?
6. Read Acts 2:37-39. What Peter said then is true today -God's restoring presence is within us. Do you think Christians today make use of the power of the Holy Spirit to help others just like they did in Acts? Why or why not?
7. What can we do, individually, and as a church, to be prepared to heal the world through the power of the Holy Spirit?

RESOURCES

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