

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. How many languages can you speak?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Read Genesis 1:1-2. The "Spirit of God" hovering over the waters in some translations of Genesis 1:2 comes from the Hebrew phrase *ruach elohim*, which has alternately been interpreted as a "great wind". Read Acts 2:2 in multiple versions. How was the Holy Spirit described in the New Testament?
3. Read John 16:7-11. Why do you think that Jesus needed to leave to send the Advocate (Holy Spirit)?
 - a. What is the role of the Holy Spirit?
 - b. Why can't we just take that role?
4. Read 1 Samuel 10:9-10. How did Saul have the ability to prophesy (preach God's Word)?
 - a. Spend some time searching in the Bible other times the Holy Spirit came upon someone. Share with your group what you found. How did the Holy Spirit move and work?

5. Read Acts 2:1-13. Have you ever experienced the Holy Spirit working in a way like what was scene in these verses?
 - a. Share a time that you were empowered by the Holy Spirit to do something that was beyond you.

6. What is God calling you to do in your life that requires the Holy Spirit?
 - a. Are you only doing things that are within your human power?

 - b. Ask your group to pray with and for you that God would empower you and unleash you for His Kingdom.

Application

Below are some of the points shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Acts 1:8 (NIV) 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.”
- God gave you Kingdom power to do Kingdom work
- “Without Pentecost the Christ-event - the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus - remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now.” - Henri Nouwen
- The power of the Holy Spirit is a real manifestation from God poured out on us. It is not self-made. It is divine. It is supernatural.
- “Will God ever ask you to do something you are not able to do? The answer is yes--all the time! It must be that way, for God's glory and kingdom. If we function according to our ability alone, we get the glory; if we function according to the power of the Spirit within us, God gets the glory. He wants to reveal Himself to a watching world.” - Henry Blackaby