

**Message Study Guide**

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

**Warming up**

1. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of the Holy Spirit?

**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. Please read Acts 2:1-11. Verse 1 says that all of the people were together in one place. Why do you think it is important that the Church gather together weekly?
  - a. What would you say to someone who does not think you have to go to church in order to be a Christian?
3. Pentecost means "**50 days**". Pentecost happened 50 days after the passover. Pentecost is 1 of 3 annual gatherings of the early Christ followers from all over the world and they met for the sole purpose of prayer. Prayer is an essential part of our faith in Christ. Why is prayer important to you personally?
  - a. Do you think God blesses those who are devoted to prayer daily?
  - b. Is it possible to be a follower of Christ, and not have a devoted prayer life?
  - c. Why do you think the Pentecost is important to the church today?
  - d. Have you ever had an encounter with the Holy Spirit in your life? What was it like?
4. Please read Acts 1:8. How would you explain this verse to someone who is brand new to the Christian faith?
  - a. How would you explain the power of the Holy Spirit in your life?

5. Read Acts 2:42-47. What do you like about this passage?
  - a. Do you think the Church is still like this today?
  
6. In a lot of ways, small groups resemble this passage. How can we, as a small group, be more like the early church?
  
7. Are there any needs that we can meet Together?

### **Application**

**Below are some key points to take away from this study. Take time to discuss the points and pray together:**

- Seek God and learn to enjoy the presence of the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit desires to move in us individually and as ONE BODY, the CHURCH.
- Pentecost is all about God filling His people with the Holy Spirit, through that comes power and life!
- God EMPOWERS His Church and makes all things possible for those who are faithful and devoted followers of Him
- "Pentecost is the moment when a heart of stone is shattered and a heart of flesh takes place." -Raniero Cantalamessa