

Workbook: *The Ministry of the Holy Spirit*

– *Tongues in the Church*

Section 1: The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Scripture: Acts 1:4–9

- Jesus promised His disciples that they would receive the Holy Spirit.
- The purpose: to empower them to be witnesses in all the earth.

Reflection:

- What does it mean for you personally to be “endued with power from on high”?
- How does receiving the Holy Spirit make you more effective in your calling?

Questions:

1. Why did Jesus instruct the disciples to wait before going out?
2. How does the promise of the Holy Spirit relate to your everyday Christian life?

Call to Action:

Pause today and ask the Lord to refill you with the power of the Holy Spirit so you can boldly witness for Him.

Section 2: The Day of Pentecost

Scripture: Acts 2:1–4

- The Spirit fell as tongues of fire, enabling the disciples to speak in languages they did not know.
- Tongues became a sign of the Spirit's presence.

Reflection:

- Unity positioned the disciples for the outpouring of the Spirit. How does unity in your church or family make room for the Holy Spirit?

Questions:

1. What significance do you see in the sound of a mighty rushing wind?
2. Why do you think the Spirit used tongues as the initial sign?

Call to Action:

Seek to cultivate unity in your relationships and your church family as you pray for a fresh move of the Holy Spirit.

Section 3: Tongues as a Prayer Language

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 14:2, 14; Jude 20; Romans 8:26–27

- Speaking in tongues is communication with God from the spirit.
- The Spirit helps us pray beyond our natural understanding.

Reflection:

- Think about times you didn't know how to pray. How does the knowledge that the Spirit intercedes for you bring comfort?

Questions:

1. What is the difference between praying with your mind and praying in the Spirit?
2. How can praying in tongues strengthen your faith?

Call to Action:

Dedicate 10–15 minutes daily to praying in tongues. Journal how it impacts your peace, faith, and connection with God.

Section 4: Tongues in the Church

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14:1–33

- Paul gives order for tongues in the church: interpretation is needed for corporate edification.
- Tongues edify the individual, prophecy edifies the church.

Reflection:

- How does balance between personal prayer in tongues and corporate order reflect God's nature of peace and not confusion?

Questions:

1. What is the difference between private prayer in tongues and public tongues in church?
2. Why is interpretation necessary for tongues in the assembly?

Call to Action:

If you are filled with the Spirit, use your prayer language daily. If in a church setting, always seek to build others up in love and clarity.

Section 5: The Refreshing of Tongues

Scripture: Isaiah 28:11–12; 1 Corinthians 14:4

- Praying in tongues brings rest and refreshing.
- It builds you up in faith and spiritual strength.

Reflection:

- Have you experienced the refreshing power of praying in tongues? Describe it.

Questions:

1. Why do you think the Bible connects tongues with rest?
2. How can this “refreshing” impact your daily walk with Christ?

Call to Action:

Whenever you feel weary, take 5 minutes to pray in the Spirit and allow God to refresh your soul.
