



“The Purpose and Favor of Pentecost” HOPE GROUP STUDY - Week of May 24, 2026

1 Let's Talk & Pray

What is one thing in your house growing up that everyone knew NOT to touch??

After everyone shares, pray together for your study

2 Let's Review the Main Idea

The Ark of the Covenant represented the visible presence, power, mercy, and favor of God among His people. Israel began treating the Ark casually, using it like a good luck charm instead of honoring God with reverence and obedience. Because they dishonored His presence, they experienced defeat, loss, and judgment.

Eventually, the Ark was cared for by Eleazar, who understood that carrying God's presence changes how you live. Later, David realized the Ark had to be carried God's way — with worship, reverence, and obedience, not human methods.

This points to Pentecost in Acts 2, where God's presence was poured out through the Holy Spirit. Today, believers are the temple of the Holy Spirit.

3 Let's Read the Word

1 Samuel 4:2-3; 2 Samuel 6:3-15; Acts 1:8
1 Corinthians 6:19

4 Let's Think

- Why do you think Israel began treating the Ark casually?
- Why was carrying the Ark “the right way” so important?
- What can happen spiritually when people become too familiar with holy things?

5 Let's Share

- Have you ever gone through a season where you only sought God during emergencies?
- What helps you stay aware of God's presence in everyday life?
- Can you share a time when worship or prayer changed the atmosphere in your life?
- What distractions most often pull your attention away from God?
- How do you know when you are treating the presence of God casually?

6 Let's Grow

- Are there any habits, relationships, or environments that compete with God's influence in your life?
- How can your home become a place that welcomes the presence of God?
- What does it look like to move from occasional church attendance to daily communion with God?
- What would change if you truly lived every day aware that the Holy Spirit dwells within you?

7 Let's Pray

- Pray together to not treat God's presence casually, to learn to honor Him daily. For our lives, homes, and hearts to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

This is the last week of Hope Groups!!

June 7 - Next Steps

June 8-11 - HY Summer Conference

June 22-25 - Mega Sports Camp