

Small Group Guide: Acts 2:1-13

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Opening Prayer & Icebreaker (10 minutes)

Icebreaker Question: What's something that has truly amazed you recently? How long did that sense of wonder last?

Key Sermon Takeaways

1. **The Promise Fulfilled** - God is faithful to fulfill His promises. The Holy Spirit came exactly as Jesus promised.
 2. **Why We Gather on Sunday** - We gather on the first day of the week to remember both the resurrection of Christ AND the birth of the church through the Holy Spirit.
 3. **The Whole House** - The Holy Spirit didn't just fill one room but the whole house, reminding us that Jesus wants access to every area of our lives.
 4. **Baptism vs. Filling** - Being baptized in the Spirit is a one-time event when we receive Christ; being filled with the Spirit is an ongoing daily walk.
 5. **Mission Enabled** - The Holy Spirit came to empower the church for God's mission to reach all nations.
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Discussion Questions

Understanding the Text (15 minutes)

1. **What stood out to you most from this passage in Acts 2:1-13?**
2. **The sermon mentioned that the Holy Spirit came both audibly (like wind) and visibly (like flames). Why do you think God chose to reveal Himself in such dramatic ways at this moment?**
3. **Look at Acts 1:8 again. How does Acts 2:1-13 directly fulfill what Jesus promised in that verse?**

Personal Reflection (20 minutes)

4. **The pastor asked, "Does Jesus still amaze you?" How would you honestly answer that question today? What tends to capture your wonder and attention more than Jesus?**
5. **The sermon described the Holy Spirit filling "the whole house" not just one room. What "rooms" in your life (work, relationships, finances, hobbies, etc.) have you fully surrendered to God? What rooms might still be closed off?**
6. **Read Galatians 5:16-25. The sermon highlighted three key words: walk, led, and keep in step. Which of these three do you find most challenging in your daily walk with the Spirit?**
 - Walking by the Spirit (living according to His truth)
 - Being led by the Spirit (allowing Him to guide decisions)
 - Keeping in step with the Spirit (not running ahead or lagging behind)

Application & Mission (20 minutes)

7. **The 120 believers in Acts 2 were given an impossible task - to reach the whole world. What "impossible" thing might God be calling you or our group to do that requires the power of the Holy Spirit?**
8. **The sermon mentioned two responses to the Spirit-filled believers: some were amazed and asked questions, while others sneered and mocked. Have you experienced either response when living boldly for Christ? How did you handle it?**
9. **The people at Pentecost heard "the magnificent acts of God" declared in their own languages. Who in your life needs to hear about God's magnificent acts in a "language" they can understand? How can you reach them?**

Practical Application This Week

Choose one or more of these action steps:

REFLECT:

- Set aside 15 minutes this week for honest prayer. Ask God to search your heart and reveal any "rooms" you haven't fully surrendered to Him.

STUDY:

- Read Galatians 5:16-26 daily this week. Each day, focus on one fruit of the Spirit and ask God to develop it in you.

ACT:

- Identify one person in your sphere of influence who is a "yellow light person" (curious about Jesus). Pray for them daily and look for an opportunity to share what Christ means to you.

GATHER:

- Make Sunday gathering a priority. Come prepared to be reminded of the resurrection power and the indwelling Holy Spirit available to you.

Prayer Focus (10 minutes)

Pray together for:

1. **Personal Surrender** - That each person would surrender every "room" of their life to the Holy Spirit's work
2. **Spirit-Filled Living** - For the ability to walk by, be led by, and keep in step with the Spirit daily
3. **Mission Boldness** - For courage to be witnesses and to reach the nations (including the nations represented in our own community)
4. **Church Unity** - That we would be "together in one place" with unified hearts for God's mission
5. **Renewed Wonder** - That Jesus would amaze us afresh and our curiosity about Him would "grow and grow"

Closing Challenge

This week, when you face something that seems impossible, remember the 120 believers waiting in that upper room. They didn't have the ability, the resources, or the plan—but they had the promise of the Holy Spirit.

What are you waiting for? The same Spirit that empowered them lives in you.

Memory Verse for the Week: *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on*

you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." - Acts 1:8