

September 17th, 2017: MISSION POSSIBLE

OPENING

• Describe a time when you felt like something was nearly impossible, but you accomplished it anyways. How were you able to overcome?

DISCUSS & APPLY

Read Acts 2:1-4

- The setting: During the Jewish festival of Pentecost, Jesus' disciples are gathered together after his ascension into heaven.
 Describe what happened in your own words. What is strange? What is significant? What do you think it would have felt like to be there?
- If a friend were to ask you, what is the "Holy Spirit", what would you say? Read Romans 8:9-11. What does this passage say about who the Holy Spirit is?
- Describe a time in your life where you have experienced or felt God's presence in a real way, personal to you?

Read Acts 2:5-12

- What did the Holy Spirit enable the disciples to do? What did the Holy Spirit lead the disciples to talk about?
- Let's remember the Common Thread among the early church and today's church: to bring God's grace to the unchurched. What part does the Holy Spirit play in accomplishing this mission?
- Why do you think the Holy Spirit might be leading you to talk to about Jesus? How does this passage encourage you in that leading?

Read Acts 2:29-41

- What is the main point of Peter's message? Why do you think the listeners were "cut to the heart"? Describe a time when you felt cut to the heart by the Word of God?
- How does Peter describe the process of becoming a Christian? What does God do in the process, and what do we do?

FINAL APPLICATION

How is the Holy Spirit currently "cutting to your heart"? What do you think God wants you to do about it?