



**W**elcome: What is your favorite time of day?

**W**orship: Listen to *Awakening* by Chris Tomlin  
<https://youtu.be/ghksgGL6a0o>

**W**ord: Read Acts 1:1-9

1. Why do you think Jesus' primary topic for the 40 days was “the Kingdom of God?”
2. Why was the disciples question, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom of Israel?” Explain the complexity of Jesus' answer.

*Read Acts 2:1-12*

3. Explain how the season of “Passover” through the “Festival of First Fruits” overlays perfectly the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus (and then) the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
4. Why are “wind” and “tongues of fire” important symbols? Are the “tongues the Galileans spoke with” the same as the spiritual gift of “tongues” we think of most often today? Explain.

*Read verses Acts 2:13-21*

5. Describe the amazing transformation of Peter that instantly took place on Pentecost.
6. Paul, through Joel's prophesy, seems to describe how the Holy Spirit will work with believers and also beyond to bring people to faith. How do current, catastrophic events give us an incredible opportunity to reach people for Jesus?
7. What does it mean to “interpret the times through Scripture?”
8. How have you most often categorized the purposes of the Holy Spirit? (Comforter-counselor-healer, or Sanctifier, or Empowerer for Missions)?
9. When we make “His Power at work with in us” too much about us and too little about Him, how does this diminish his brilliance in us?

**W**itness: Close with prayer, as the disciples did on the first Pentecost, and open ourselves to receive the very same Holy Spirit asking God to help us recognize and put into practice all the gifts from the Holy Spirit which we have been given so that the Body of Christ may grow in strength to serve God and show His love to all.