

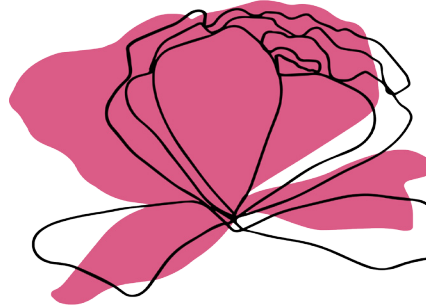
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THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN A HUMAN LIFE

“For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”
Luke 12:12



“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
Acts 1:8

LUKE 4:1, 4:14, 11:13, 12:12 & ACTS 1:8, 2:4, 2:38

“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”
Acts 2:38

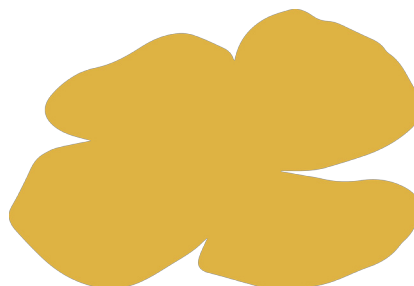
Luke

IN OTHER NEWS

TODAY'S WEATHER



CLOUDY
High wind advisory in effect.



FIERY NIGHT AT FEAST OF WEEKS
Witnesses describe “tongues of fire” from heaven at Shavuot celebration in Jerusalem.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

A long time ago, in a mall food court far, far away, sat a young Christian woman who heard that still, small voice of the Holy Spirit say, “Go tell that man over there that I love him.” This woman looked over “there” and saw a youngish disabled man, who probably had cerebral palsy, drooling and shaking. I’d sure like to tell you that I obeyed, but I didn’t. In fact, I argued much like Moses when he told God that he didn’t speak well, and to this day I regret that I didn’t submit to Holy Spirit’s leading. When I think of this missed opportunity, I pray for that man and hope someone else came and shared the love of God with him.

Evangelism is certainly not my spiritual gifting. I’m more a “helps” kind of girl, but this doesn’t give me an excuse to not share my faith and obey when led. Who is this Holy Spirit that leads us? How do we know we are being led by Him? What do we say? When do we say it? How does He prepare us? Let’s explore the scriptures to find out!

Jerusalem Times
May 24, 33AD

THERE’S FIRE IN THE HOUSE AS PENTECOST STARTS

Jerusalem, Dr. Luke

“Jesus told us that He would send what His Father had promised; but we were to stay in Jerusalem until we had been clothed with power from on high,” Peter, one of Jesus’s disciples, told leading reporter Dr. Luke.

“We were all gathered together in the house when suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind

came from heaven and filled the whole house where we were sitting. We saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each one of us. We were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled us.”

“A crowd formed of God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven when they heard the sound because each one heard their own language being spoken,” Peter continued.

“I was utterly amazed,” Ahmad*, a Jew from Egypt said. “Aren’t all these who were speaking Galileans? How was it that each of us could hear them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans, and Arabs—we heard them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues! Amazed and perplexed, we asked one another, ‘What does this mean?’”

“I thought they had had too much wine,” declared Thomas*, a local tavern owner.

Peter continued, “Yes, I heard that people thought we were drunk but it was only nine in the morning. No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on My servants, both men and women, I will pour out My Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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Peter went on, “I told the Israelites to listen: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through Him, as you yourselves know. This Man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross. But God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him. David said about Him: *‘I saw the Lord always before me. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, You will not let Your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence.’*”

Peter went on to say, “I could tell them confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that He would place one of his descendants on His throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that He was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did His body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we were all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what they saw and heard. For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, *‘The LORD said to my Lord; ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.’* Therefore, let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.

“When the people heard this,” Peter continued, “they were cut to the heart and asked us, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’ I told them, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the

forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.’

“I warned them with many other words, and pleaded with them saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ Many accepted my message and were baptized, and about three thousand were added to our number today,” Peter finished.

*Fictional Names

1. Who is the newspaper article about?
2. Where and when is it taking place?
3. What is going on?
4. What is the promise and who is it for?
5. What is a sign that the disciples received the Holy Spirit?
6. What happened to show that the Old Testament scriptures had been fulfilled?

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7. What must one do in response to Peter's message?

"Has someone wronged you recently? Resist the urge to judge that person. Instead, pray that God might use you to reach the offender." Warren Wiersbe

8. According to Joel, what are the signs of the Holy Spirit working in people's lives?

"Love your fellowmen, and cry about them if you cannot bring them to Christ. If you cannot save them, you can weep over them. If you cannot give them a drop of cold water in hell, you can give them your heart's tears while they are still in this body." Charles Spurgeon

9. What does "they were cut to the heart" mean?

"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by Him we cry, 'Abba, Father.'" The Apostle Paul

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"It has been said that in normal seasons of Christian work the evangelist seeks the sinner. Yet in times of revival or awakening, things change: the sinner seeks the evangelist. This Day of Pentecost in Acts 2 was one of those great seasons of God's work." David Guzik

"We are not called to proclaim philosophy and metaphysics, but the simple gospel. Man's fall, his need of a new birth, forgiveness through atonement, and salvation as the result of faith, these are our battle-ax and weapons of war. God save us from living in comfort while sinners are sinking into hell!" Charles Spurgeon

"We are not diplomats but prophets, and our message is not a compromise but an ultimatum." A.W. Tozer

"The greatest form of praise is the sound of consecrated feet seeking out the lost and helpless." Billy Graham

"It is the greatest pleasure of living to win souls to Christ." D.L. Moody

PEOPLE

HOLY SPIRIT - The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Triune Godhead. He is:

- Eternal—Hebrews 9:14
- Omnipotent—Luke 1:35
- Omnipresent—Psalm 139:7
- Omniscient—1 Corinthians 2:10-11

He is a gift from Jesus: "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you." John 14:16-17

His work includes but is not limited to:

- Dwelling within us—1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- Sealing us in Christ—Ephesians 1:13-14
- Assuring us of salvation—Romans 8:16
- Developing fruit/character—Galatians 5:22-23
- Convicting people of sin—John 16:8-11

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He can be:

- Lied to and tested—Acts 5:3-4,9
- Resisted—Acts 7:51
- Grieved—Ephesians 4:30
- Blasphemed—Matthew 12:31, Mark 3:29

CLASSIFIEDS

---WANTED---

EVANGELIST

INQUIRE HOLY SPIRIT
(JUST A PRAYER AWAY)

*The following Scriptures will answer questions
10, 11 and 12.*

Qualifications:

- John 3:3-8
- Acts 2:38
- Romans 10:9

Experience Required:

- None

Responsibilities:

- John 15:5
- Ephesians 5:18
- Ephesians 6:18
- Mark 14:15-16
- 1 Peter 3:15
- 1 Thessalonians 5:19
- Galatians 6:9
- Psalm 40:8
- Psalm 119

Remuneration & Benefits include:

- Acts 1:8
- Luke 12:12
- Romans 8:26-27
- Acts 16:14
- John 14:26
- Acts 4:31
- 1 Corinthians 12:8-10
- John 16:13
- Romans 8:14
- 1 Corinthians 3:6

*“GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH
THE GOSPEL TO ALL CREATION!”*

JESUS

*Using the Scriptures referenced in the Classified Ad
from the Holy Spirit, answer the following questions:*

10. What are the qualifications for being an evangelist?

11. What are the responsibilities of the evangelist?

12. What are the responsibilities of the Holy Spirit in the work of evangelism?

We have learned that in order to evangelize we must:

- Be born again
- Repent
- Be baptized
- Be filled with the Spirit
- Desire to do God's will
- Abide in Jesus

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- Pray
- Go into all the world preaching the gospel
- Give an answer
- Not quench what the Holy Spirit is doing
- DON'T GIVE UP

The Holy Spirit's job is to:

- Give us power
- Teach us what to say
- Help us
- Intercede for us
- Give gifts to accomplish the work
- Give boldness
- Lead
- Guide
- Open hearts to receive the message
- Grow the harvest

13. Describe a time you told someone about Jesus.
Was the Spirit at work? How do you know?

14. Describe a time you failed. Was the Spirit at work? How do you know? Do you know you are forgiven? Will you try again?

1 John 1:9 says, *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."*

15. If you haven't tried yet, what can you do to be prepared for an opportunity?

16. Have you found it difficult to evangelize?

17. If you haven't found it difficult, how can you encourage or teach someone else to be a better evangelist?

God blesses our obedience and forgives our failures as we share our faith. Do you know the key now? Be in the Word, heed the Spirit, tell your story, leave the result to God and NEVER GIVE UP!

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MY EVANGELISM JOURNAL

“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.”

Hebrews 10:24-25
NLT

THE RETURN OF THE LORD IS DRAWING NEAR!

We spent our Fall semester writing letters to answer a “Dear Abigail” column, to help us understand how to share the GOOD NEWS! Now we are putting into action what we have practiced.

Answer the following questions each week and share in your group time that you may encourage one another!

1. Pray and ask the Lord to put someone on your heart that needs to know about the GOOD NEWS! (It may be a stranger that will cross your path.) Write their name here.

2. *Each* morning, pray that God will open your eyes to opportunities. Write any opportunities you had this week.

3. What have you learned about yourself this week as you shared the GOOD NEWS? Was it easier than you thought? More difficult? Did you miss an opportunity?

4. *Praise* the Lord for what He taught you about evangelism this week. Would you have changed your approach? *Continue* to pray for those you shared with, and *trust* the Holy Spirit to continue the work. *Confess* if you felt afraid or weak or if you avoided sharing altogether and then *start afresh* next week. He is FAITHFUL!

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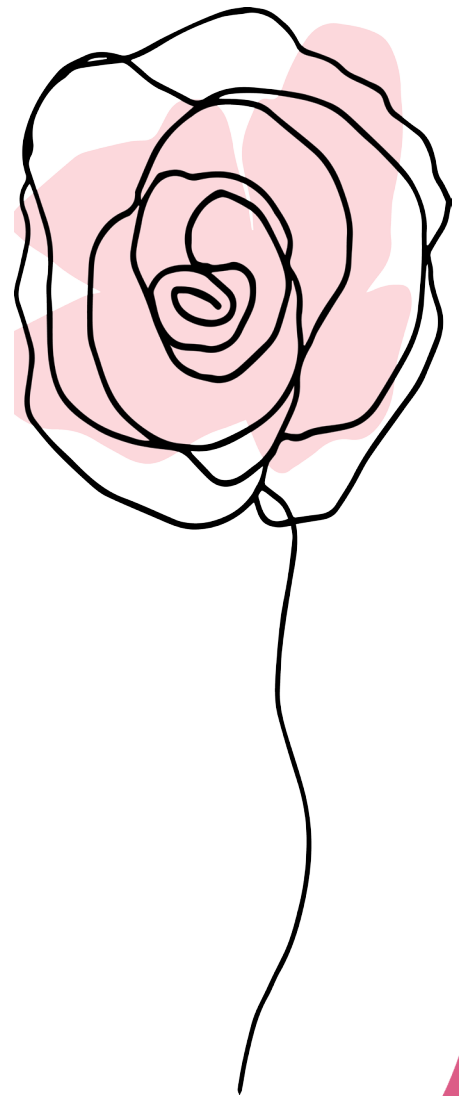
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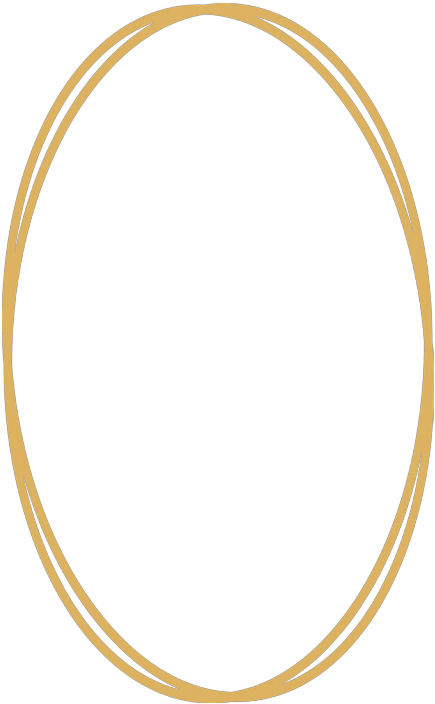


Answers are on page 107

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LESSON 2 NOTES



WRITE YOUR BIGGEST
TAKEAWAY HERE

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