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Welcome!

**SERIES: WIND AND FIRE
ENCOUNTERING THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Today's Message: When the Spirit Comes
Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor

PRAYER: God of Wind and Fire, breathe your Holy Spirit over us again this day. Help us to better hear one another and untangle the differences we have allowed to divide us. May your Spirit give us the power to be the church you had hoped we would be, one body, one people seeking to build your beloved community of justice, mercy, and hope. Set us on fire once again. Fill us with your power; in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: Share two words that comes to mind when you hear the phrase “Holy Spirit.”

INTRODUCTION: Pentecost has often been called the birthday of the church—the day the church was empowered to move forward. The Holy Spirit came to earth empowering people through wind and fire. Energized by the Holy Spirit, the followers of Christ spoke up, sharing words from the One who gave them life. On this Pentecost weekend, we celebrate the coming of the Spirit to nudge the church out of hiding and give us both wind at our back and fire in our bones to proclaim and live out the good news of Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE: Read Acts 2:1-4 (NIV)

DISCUSSION:

1. What stood out in today's message? What's one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message today? What points did you find most insightful? How did the message challenge you?
2. What positive, confusing, or negative experiences have you had in the past with Christians or churches and the way they talked about the Holy Spirit?
3. How do you think the disciples would have felt in the days between the Ascension of Christ and the advent of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost? How do you think you would have felt if you were in their situation?
4. When the Spirit comes, the Spirit eliminates obstacles to our belief. What are some of the obstacles to faith the people in your life have? Is there anything holding you back from being a witness to the mighty acts of God?
5. Why do you think we often idolize the past, particularly past experiences of the Spirit in our lives and in our church? How do you think God is inviting you to welcome new experiences of the Holy Spirit in your life?

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6. How do you think God is inviting the Saint Paul's Baptist Church to welcome more of the Spirit in the days ahead? What would it look like for us to rely more on the Holy Spirit in our relationships with each other?

CHALLENGE: What is one “a-ha” moment you had in our group discussion today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week’s message, how would the next week be different for you?

SERVE: How is God calling us to live out this message this week? As individuals? As a group?

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at www.myspbc.org. You can also “find, follow and like” our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/myspbc. Turn on your notifications.

CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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We Care!

NOTICE: PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE GRADUALLY REOPEN OUR CAMPUSES IN THE SAFEST MANNER POSSIBLE. As a small group leader, we depend on you to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

FOR PRAYER:

CALL: 804.463.2472

EMAIL: prayer@myspbc.org.

FOR COUNSELING:

CALL: 804.643.6177

EMAIL: Barnabas@myspbc.org

TO REQUEST A HOSPITAL VISIT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (For Emergencies)

EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST FUNERAL SUPPORT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (Pastor On Call)

EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO FIND A SUPPORT GROUP:

CALL: 804.643.6177

EMAIL: Barnabas@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

CALL: 804.643.4000

EMAIL: emergencyassistance@myspbc.org.

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CALL: 804.643.4000 and Press 1 for the Dial By Name Directory

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