



The Indwelling Holy Spirit: God's Greatest Gift

Acts Chapters 1 & 2

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say?

Take some time to look up and read out loud together: Acts Chapter 2

1. Summarize the details of what happened at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13).
2. What were the "big ideas" in Peter's sermon/address to the crowd (Acts 2:14-41)?
3. Describe the community of early believers (Acts 2:42-47).

Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?

How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.

4. Describe the power and authority enabled by the Holy Spirit in Acts 2. What function does the Holy Spirit play in the life of a believer?
5. Peter had been an unstable leader during Jesus' ministry, letting his bravado be his downfall, even denying that he knew Jesus (John 18:15-18; 25-27). But Christ had forgiven and restored him (John 21). This was a new Peter, humble but bold. His confidence came from the Holy Spirit, who made him a powerful and dynamic speaker.

What gifts, personal attributes, and character traits has God overhauled and amplified by the power of the Holy Spirit after your salvation?

6. The early church was serious about community and fellowship. How has community specifically affected your walk with Christ? Is there a story/testimony you could share about community? What challenge or encouragement would you bring to a follower of Jesus who insists on doing life alone?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We're here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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A primary resource in compiling these questions has been the *NIV Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan, 1984)