

A map of Mission Viejo, California, featuring a central grey rectangular overlay with white text. The map shows residential streets, green parks, and blue water bodies like Lake Mission Viejo. Several blue location pins are scattered across the map. The text 'It Begins With' is in a cursive font, and 'COMMUNITY' is in a large, bold, outlined sans-serif font.

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Tijeras Creek Golf Club

Oso Viejo
Community
Park

Mission Viejo La Paz Rd

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& Racquet Club

WAGON WHEEL



It Begins with Community

Part 1: The Birth of Community (Holy Spirit's Power)



Common Lord

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Acts 1:4-5

⁴ And while staying with them *he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me;* ⁵ *for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."*



Why were they all together in Jerusalem?

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*Am I still eager to hear & obey
the commands of my Lord?*

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What this community shared was a “Common Lord” – they arranged their lives, morals, perspectives, beliefs around what Jesus taught and commanded.

Common Mission

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Acts 1:6-9

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

⁸ ***But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.***

Acts 1:6-9

⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.



*What were they expecting to
happen as they waited in
Jerusalem?*

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Am I focused on being a blessing to others or getting what I need?

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*The church community shared
Jesus' mission to bless others
above themselves making them
incredibly effective witnesses!*

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Common Source

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Acts 2:1-4

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, *they were all together in one place.*² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

Acts 2:1-4

⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance...

Acts 2:16-18

¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ " 'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that *I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;*

Acts 2:16-18

18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy...

Acts 2:37-41

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to 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.***

Acts 2:37-41

39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and **there were added that day about three thousand souls.**



*What resulted from their
waiting for Holy Spirit to
empower them as witnesses?*



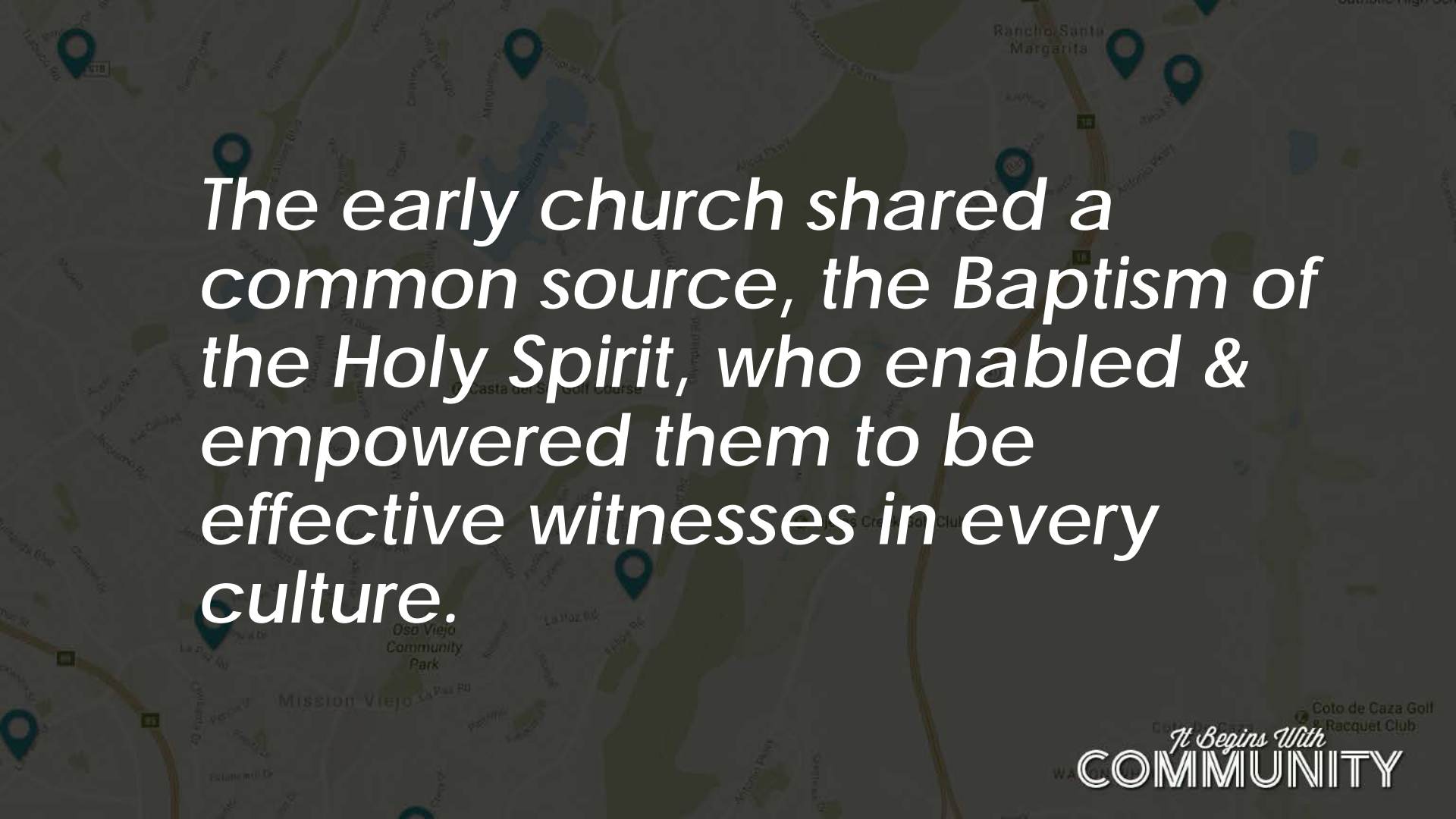
3 Positions (prepositions) of the Holy Spirit's Work in Our Lives:

1. "With" You- Speaking & Guiding
2. "In" You- Sealing & Sanctifying
3. "Upon" You- Empowering & Enabling



How much do I rely on Holy Spirit's power versus my abilities?

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The early church shared a common source, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, who enabled & empowered them to be effective witnesses in every culture.

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