

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

Imagine if God's Spirit were ignited within you. What would you do differently with your life?

GETTING STARTED

1. What ought a Christian, who is characterized by love and motivated by gratitude, look like?

BIBLE IDEA

2. Read Acts 1:8-9 & 2:1-13. What is the main reason Jesus promised the gift of the Holy Spirit (vs. 8)? What was the first miracle of the Holy Spirit (vs 2:4)? How did the followers respond?
3. Read Acts 2:14-24 & 36-39. How did the crowds respond to Peter's sermon? What parallels do you see in Joel's prophecy (vs. 17-21 given 600 years before) and the arrival of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2? What practical ways can you apply Peter's response to your daily life?
4. The Maturity of the Holy Spirit
 - a. Read Ezekiel 36:25-27. *The Holy Spirit transforms us.* Name three ways God transforms a person's life. How have you personally been transformed?
 - b. Read John 16:13-15. *The Holy Spirit leads us.* On whose authority does the Holy Spirit speak? What do you think is the key to being guided by the Holy Spirit?
 - c. Read Acts 1:8 & 1 Corinthians 2:2-5. *The Holy Spirit empowers us.* How does a person receive the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)? What did Paul acknowledge, first, before actively demonstrating the Spirit's power (1 Corinthians 2:2-3)?
 - d. Read John 13:34-35 & Acts 2:42-47. *The Holy Spirit multiplies us.* Discuss the ways the early church community followed John 13:34. What was the result? (Acts 2:47)

NEXT STEPS

5. Identify one step will you take this week to add to "The Story of Us" – being a community of believers who love each other well for the Glory of God.