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# WHEN GOD SHOWS UP: THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – ACTS 2:1-13

## GETTING STARTED

The day of Pentecost is really the birthday of the Church! God would now act with his people in a new way, he would send the Holy Spirit to dwell within them and empower them to be his witnesses to the entire world! As Acts 2 opens up, we see a number of strange things, like speaking in different languages and fire resting above their heads. And while we don't always see these kinds of miraculous signs, we are given the Holy Spirit to dwell in us and empower us to take on the mission of the church. We get to proclaim the mighty works of God in Jesus Christ!

## READ THE TEXT: ACTS 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> And they were amazed



and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

## **UNDERSTAND THE TEXT**

1. Begin by reading Genesis 11:1-9. How does the coming of the Holy Spirit and specifically the gift of tongues in Acts 2 relate to God dispersing them in Genesis? Why does Luke mention all the different places the hearers came from?
2. What is the significance of God resting on them with tongues of fire? (see Ex 13:21-22)

## **APPLY THE TEXT**

3. How should being filled with the Holy Spirit change your life this week? What is holding you back? (ie. Sharing the gospel, fighting against sin, seeking to know him more deeply)
4. What practical steps can your life group take to encourage each other to walk with the Spirit this week?

## **SHARE & PRAY**

1. As we study the book of Acts, think carefully about 1 or 2 people that you would like to actively share the gospel with. Share them with your life group and hold one another accountable in prayer and support.
2. In light of Acts 2:1-13, pray that God would fill us with his Holy Spirit and empower us to share the good news of Jesus Christ with all those around us!

