



Opening Icebreaker

**What's something you now use all the time that you once thought was unnecessary?*

- *Owala bottle?*
- *Heated seats?*
- *GPS?*
- *Air fryer?*
- *Noise-canceling headphones?*

**Have you ever discovered something in life you didn't realize you needed until after you experienced it?*

Discussion Questions

Read Together: Acts 2:1–13

The disciples had experienced emotional highs and lows over the previous 50 days:

- Jesus' betrayal
- Crucifixion
- Resurrection
- 40 days with Jesus
- His ascension
- Waiting in Jerusalem

Discuss:

**What do you think the disciples were feeling while they waited in Jerusalem?*

**Why is waiting on God often difficult?*

**Have you ever experienced a season where you didn't understand what God was doing until later?*

Luke describes:

- a sound like violent wind
- tongues like fire
- the filling of the Holy Spirit

Discuss:

**What stands out most to you in this moment?*

**Why do you think God used imagery like wind and fire?*

**How would this event have connected to Old Testament stories the Jews already knew?*

Personal Reflection

The sermon emphasized that God was making His presence known.

*Have there been moments in your life where you clearly sensed God's presence, guidance, or conviction?

*What helped you recognize it?

Read Together: Acts 2:14–36

Before Pentecost:

- Peter denied Jesus
- Peter hid in fear

After Pentecost:

- Peter boldly preached to thousands

Discuss:

*What changed in Peter?

*What does this teach us about the Holy Spirit's role in our lives?

One of the key ideas from the message:

“The disciples didn't know they needed the Holy Spirit until they experienced Him.”

Discuss:

*Why do people often try to follow Jesus in their own strength?

*What are some signs you may be relying on yourself instead of the Holy Spirit?

Personal Reflection:

Where are you currently trying to handle life on your own power?

- Parenting?
- Marriage?
- Addiction?
- Anxiety?
- Work stress?
- Relationships?
- Spiritual growth?

Everyone Responds to Jesus

In Acts 2:

- Some were amazed
- Some were confused
- Some mocked
- Some repented

Discuss:

*Why do people respond so differently to the message of Jesus?

*Why is it important to remember we are responsible for sharing truth, not controlling responses?

*How can we speak truth with both grace and boldness?

Listening to the Holy Spirit

The message challenged everyone to intentionally listen for the Holy Spirit.

*What distractions most often drown out the voice of the Holy Spirit in your life?

*What practices help you become more spiritually attentive?

Practical Challenge:

This week, before:

- getting out of bed,
- opening your Bible,
- going into work,
- or entering a difficult conversation...

pause and pray: “Holy Spirit, help me today....”

Final Reflection

The early church was not launched through talent, education, strategy, or human effort.

It was launched through:

- the power of the Holy Spirit,
- courageous obedience,
- and the clear proclamation of Jesus.

*What step of dependence on the Holy Spirit is God inviting you to take?

Closing Prayer

Pray together:

- for greater dependence on the Holy Spirit
- for courage to share Jesus
- for wisdom and discernment
- for power to overcome sin and temptation
- for sensitivity to God’s leading
- for boldness like Peter