

## Sermon Bible Study Series

Title: The Holy Spirit: An Overview— 1: What Does Pentecost Mean?

Primary Text: Acts 2

Expanded Reading: Deuteronomy 16:9-12

Big Idea: On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the birth of the Church, the descent of the Spirit, and the Mission of God to the world.

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### Engage

**What did you think about the Holy Spirit before listening to the sermon?**

This question shouldn't take too much time, but should open people to conversation. Validate people's stories and gently invite responses.

- a. ***Have someone briefly review what they remembered from the sermon?*** (You may want to be pre-prepared with the main points to supplement if your group is not able to)
- b. ***What stood out to you/challenged you/ made you think in the sermon?*** (this question could be moved to the deepen section)

### Learn

***Read the Primary Text***

1. *The Spirit descends, indwells, fills, seals, marks as a deposit, and empowers for Christian living and Kingdom service. Which of these is easiest to understand? Which is most difficult? Why?*
2. *The Church is composed of mini-Jesuses, equipped for mission, preaches repentance, embodies transformed economics, and models unity with diversity. Which of these is most exciting to you? Which is the most challenging? Why?*

### Deepen

***What questions did you want to ask when listening to the sermon?***

Leaders, allow people to wrestle with the text. Don't feel like you need to have all the answers, but in your preparation think about the questions that will arise and be prepared to point toward Jesus and the Scriptures for answers.

***What Scripture passages might inform these unanswered questions?***

## Live

*Every Christian receives the Holy Spirit when he or she first believes, but we are filled again and again subsequent to that moment. Take some time in silent prayer to ask the Holy Spirit to fill you again. After the prayer, consider your heart—how do you feel?*

*Look again at the five characteristics of the church (question 2 above). Pick one of the five, and think about how you can model this for your non believing friends, family, or neighbours.*