

living out the **KINGDOM** **SPRING 2025**

Spirit Empowered
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God's love for people

- Genesis 2: God created a world for all, work side-by-side in community
- Abraham: Genesis 12:2-3: Genesis 12, "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

God's love for people

- God sent Jesus
 - John 3:16-17: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

God's love for people

- God sent Jesus
 - Through Jesus, God reconciles the world to himself (2 Corinthians 5:19)
 - Jesus was sent to be the very blessing promised to Abraham's family

God's love for people

- God sent the Holy Spirit
- John 14:26: "...the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."
- Acts 1: stay in Jerusalem until they receive the Holy Spirit, a gift sent from the Father, come in power (vv.4,8)

The Holy Spirit

- First evidence: enablement to speak in other languages (2:4)
- Hear "the wonders of God" (v.11)
- "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people." (Acts 2:17)
- Gifts and enables us to work together for the common good, to encourage and build each other up (1 Corinthians 12)

God sends us

- "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." (John 20:21)
- Exactly where you are... is where you are sent
- Baptism - an example of the witness we give of Jesus' work in our lives

In closing

- God's persistent faithful love for people
- God sent Jesus
- God sends the Holy Spirit
- God sends us