

EMPOWERED BY

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ice Breaker: What's the most meaningful gift you've ever received (or given)?

Read: Acts 2:1-47

Discussion Questions:

- Opening Thoughts
 - How do expectations shape the way we receive or value a gift?
 - How might our expectations affect the way we experience God's work in our lives?
 - Have you ever received a gift that seemed simple at first, but later proved to be life-changing?
 - In what ways might the Holy Spirit be more than we initially realize?
- Big Question: How Is the Holy Spirit a Gift?
 - When you hear the phrase "the Holy Spirit as a gift," what comes to mind?
- The Gift of a New Language (Acts 2:1–13)
 - Why do you think language is the first visible sign of the Holy Spirit's arrival?
 - What does it mean to have a "new Kingdom voice" as believers today?
 - Why is it significant that everyone didn't understand what was happening the same way?
 - In what ways might God be speaking through us that others may misunderstand?
- The Gift of a New Proclamation (Acts 2:14–40)
 - What changes do you notice in Peter between before and after the Holy Spirit comes?
 - Why does Spirit-empowered proclamation often challenge social norms and comfort zones?
 - How does boldness differ from aggression in proclaiming Christ?
 - How can we speak truth with both courage and love in today's world?
- The Gift of a New Community (Acts 2:41–46)
 - What characteristics of this early Christian Church stand out most to you?
 - Why are fellowship, teaching, generosity, and worship inseparable in this passage?
 - What barriers today make this type of community difficult — and how might the Spirit help overcome them?
 - How can our church or small group reflect this Spirit-formed community more faithfully?
- Final Thought: The Gift of Spiritual Growth (Acts 2:47)
 - What connection do you see between personal spiritual health and church growth?
 - How does spiritual growth go beyond knowledge to include transformation and witness?
 - Where do you sense God inviting you to grow this week?

