



The Arrival of the Spirit

LEADER NOTES

Review the Guidelines each time you have a new member join your group or once a month.

- **Help your group feel the weight of this moment.** Acts 2 is a turning point. Jesus has ascended. The disciples have been waiting. Now the Spirit comes in power. Help the group feel that this is not just a meaningful moment for the disciples. It is the beginning of a new stage in God's mission through His people.

- **Keep mission connected to the Spirit.** The power in this passage is not random power. The Spirit comes to empower witness, form the church, and move God's people outward. Keep bringing the group back to the truth that the Spirit does not simply make us feel close to God. He sends us to live on mission for Christ.

- **Connect power and surrender.** Some people hear a passage like this and focus only on boldness or outward signs. Help them also see the posture underneath it. The disciples were together, waiting, obedient, and available. The Spirit's power meets people who are surrendered to God's purposes.

- **Do not let boldness feel unreachable.** Some group members may hear this lesson and think mission belongs to other people. Remind them that availability matters. The Spirit uses ordinary believers. The point is not having the right personality. The point is being willing for God to use you.

- **Tie repentance to the Spirit's work.** Acts 2 verse 38 matters. The Spirit's arrival is tied to repentance, baptism, and receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. Help the group see that the Spirit's work is not detached from obedience. God calls people to respond to the gospel, not just admire the moment.

- **Leave room for honest reflection.** Some people feel eager to be used by God. Others feel distracted, tired, fearful, or unsure. Let the room be honest. This lesson should invite surrender, not pressure. Give people a moment to consider where they may be resisting or holding back.

- **Share & record prayer request.**
- **Ask a volunteer to close in prayer.**
- **Follow up throughout the week.**
- **PLEASE TAKE ATTENDANCE.**

TARGET

Topic: Joining the Holy Spirit on mission.

Take Away: The Holy Spirit came in power to form the church and send God's people on mission.

God Stories: A God Story is an undeniable encounter or experience that creates an impact or breakthrough in a person's day-to-day life.

Ice Breaker Question: Have you ever traveled where you did not speak the language? What happened?

This Week's Passage: *Act 2:1-4*

Share background: *Jesus has been crucified and resurrected, appearing to His disciples over forty days and teaching them about the Kingdom before ascending from the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem, leaving them with the promise of the Holy Spirit. This occurs during the Feast of Pentecost – Shavuot - drawing devout Jews from across the Roman world into Jerusalem. The early believers—about 120—were gathered in unity, prayer, and obedience, forming a devoted community. The stage is set with spiritual expectation, political tension, and faithful anticipation as the disciples wait for the fulfillment of Jesus' promise...and now the story from God's Word.*

Tell the story. Rebuild the story. Read the story from God's Word.

Head Question: *What do Acts 2:1 to 4 and Acts 2 verse 38 teach us about the coming of the Holy Spirit and the response God calls for?*

Heart Question: *In what area of your life do you most need the Holy Spirit's power right now?*

Hands Question: *Who is one person or place where you believe the Holy Spirit is calling you to be available this week?*

ASSIGN NEXT WEEKS STORY: *Romans 8:1-17*