

Thornbury Baptist Church
Small Group Discussion Questions

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Talk title: Pentecost

Passage: Acts chapter 2

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Discussion Questions

Read Acts 1:3-9

- The disciples were clearly still thinking in terms of Jesus establishing a political kingdom on earth when he spoke of them being baptised with the Holy Spirit. What did Jesus say would happen when the Holy Spirit came on them? What do you expect the result is for you having the Holy Spirit coming on you?

Sally spoke of the Holy Spirit empowering the disciples to witness to Jesus to through Worship, Word and Oneness.

Acts 2:1-13 and verse 47 describe the empowering to witness though worship.

- In what ways do you think worship was a witness to the crowd in the passage and in what ways do you think your worship can be a witness to non-believers today?
- In what ways does the Holy Spirit deepen your worship of God and help you to be aware of the presence of God in your life?

Acts 2:14-36 show the Holy Spirit empowering Peter with words to explain to the crowds what was going on.

- His audience were all Jewish and he used their Scriptures (our Old Testament) to prove who Jesus was. If you were speaking to interested non-Christians, which passages from the Bible would you use to help them to understand who Jesus is? Peter wanted to demonstrate to them that Jesus was the promised Jewish Messiah and Lord (God). What do you think is the most important thing that people you know need to know about Jesus?

In Acts 2:37-41 the crowds ask what they should do in response to all Peter had told them.

- What did Peter say they should do? How would you answer if someone asked you that?

Acts 2:42-47 show how, through the empowering of the Holy Spirit, the first Christians met and 'shared everything they had'.

- Why do you think that their oneness was such a powerful witness?
- Discuss ways in which we can and do know the Holy Spirit empowering us as individuals and as a church in this oneness. Think of practical things we can do together and for each other.

Takeaway

What is the main thing each person is taking away from this discussion?

How do you feel about being the temple of the Holy Spirit (both individually: 1 Corinthians 6:19; and corporately 1 Peter 2:4), as the place where God's presence dwells, where heaven and earth meet, where people can encounter God? Pray for one another, that the Holy Spirit may dwell in you more fully.