

Wednesday

Read Acts 2:1-4 *Wind and fire*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Would you want to be in that crowd and experience that? Why?*
2. **“May the joyful fire of the Spirit dance within you and set happiness ablaze in your life.”*

Prayer Focus Jesus, you became human to identify with the life we live. You gave your life for us so we could breathe freely. As you breathed life into us at Creation, breathe a fresh wind that can resuscitate our faith, hearts, lives.

Thursday

Read Acts 2:5-11 *Many languages, one truth*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *In what ways do you hear or see God’s truth most clearly?*
2. **“May the Spirit’s patient endurance be yours while you wait for what is unknown to be revealed.”*

Prayer Focus We ask for your guidance, Holy Spirit, so our divisions may be healed by your words of love and your path of truth. Give us a second wind of hope, strength, and courage to tell our stories of your blessings.

Friday

Read Acts 2:12 *Amazement*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Have you ever had a moment when you were simply amazed by something God has shown you?*
2. **“May the steady flame of the Spirit’s goodness within you convince you every day of the power of your presence with others.”*

Prayer Focus We stand amazed at your grace, God. Thank you for your patience and compassion and for knowing what we truly need. Help us offer the same to others, each day.

**Each of these quotes is from Joyce Rupp’s “A Pentecost Blessing.”*

Surprised by the Spirit

Pastor’s message: John 15:16-17, 26-27; Acts 2:1-12; Pentecost/Great Day of Music

Message Notes:

Small Group Format



Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *What is your definition of a true friend?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **John 15:16-17, 26-27; Acts 2:1-12**

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)

SURPRISED BY THE SPIRIT

June 5, 2022

Monday

Read John 15:16-17 *Bear fruit through love*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Luke says God will give you whatever you ask in God's name. What would you ask today?*
2. **"May the steady flame of the Spirit's goodness within you convince you every day of the power of your presence with others."*

Prayer Focus In this season of Pentecost, we treasure the blessings of your belief that we can make a difference in the world if we follow the rule of your love. Bless us again with the flame of your Spirit, Holy One.

Tuesday

Read John 15:26-27 *The Spirit of Truth*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How do you see the Spirit of truth at work in your life?*
2. **"May the blaze of the Spirit's courage enable you to speak the truth and so stand up for respect, dignity, and justice."*

Prayer Focus God, we know we often just want to be acquaintances and not true friends. We commit once again to humbly telling the truth to each other, to ourselves, and to you, in the name of the Friend, Comforter, and Advocate you have poured into us.