

The New Normal | Acts 2:1-13

2021 Spring Toolkit #4

Administration: A full discussion of the work of the Holy Spirit in the believer is provided on the church website and is helpful for answering questions or directing members for further study.

Facilitating Tip: I just learned a helpful tip from a leader in one of the mixed groups. When a member is absent, the leader asks the group for a volunteer to contact and check in with the absent member. The members have all assumed responsibility together to care for each other and see to it that everyone is valued and included. Great idea!!!

My Story Questions

These questions help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one.

- 1) What were your High's and Lo's from this past week?
- 2) What parts of the world have you travelled where you wish you could speak the native tongue?

Digging Deeper

These questions are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few.

Read Acts 2:1-4.

- 1) What were the three supernatural signs that accompanied the coming of the Holy Spirit? How have these same signs pointed to God's presence in the past? (Ex 3:2, Ezekial 37:7-10, Gen 11:8-9)
 - 2) While there were three external signs, there was one internal reality. What was that according to vs 4?
 - 3) What other scriptures help us know that the indwelling Spirit is a gift for every believer? (Romans 8:9, I Cor 12:13, Gal 4:6, Eph 1:13-14)
 - 4) How has the indwelling Spirit shown His transforming power in your heart and life?
 - 5) What did you learn in the sermon about being indwelled by the Spirit and being filled by the Spirit?
(see Acts 4:8, Eph 5:18)
- #### **Read Acts 2:5-13**
- 6) In your opinion, why were separate, clearly understood languages necessary on this occasion?
 - 7) What did the Spirit empower the disciples to declare according to verse 11?
 - 8) To whom have you had the opportunity to declare the wonders of God this year? this week?
 - 9) What were the two responses people gave and how are they similar to responses people give now?
 - 10) What is your heart attitude toward those who would mock the power of the Holy Spirit? (Matt 5:44)

Responding to Jesus

These questions are meant for personal reflection before your group prayer time.

- 1) Where will you call upon the power of the Holy Spirit to witness? to live a godly life?
- 2) What is keeping you from being filled with the Spirit on more occasions?
- 3) How will you ask your group to pray for you?

Further Challenge

1. In what way did the coming of the Holy Spirit have the exact opposite effect of the judgment of Babel (Genesis 11) What truth is being revealed?
2. Why did God wait until Pentecost (the harvest festival - Deut. 19:9-10) to send the Holy Spirit? What is the significance of the day of Pentecost?

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THE NEW NORMAL/GAME-CHANGING MOMENTS

Acts 2:1-13

The supernatural indwelling of the Holy Spirit empowers my NEW NORMAL.

Experiencing the Holy Spirit is my promise. *(Acts 2:1-4)*

The Holy Spirit is demonstrating His power in my life. *(Acts 2:5-13)*

The Holy Spirit drives people to a response. *(Acts 2:12-16)*

Next Steps:

- Read Acts 2.
- Ask God to show you where He has been at work all along.
- Pray..."Holy Spirit, help me recognize Your power today."