

## Exploring the Holy Spirit

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### Acts 2

- 1) What would the world be like without time? Why do you think God created time?
- 2) Read Acts 1: 1- 9 at your table. Notice the timing of all the events.

What did Jesus tell them about the Holy Spirit?

What did they know about the Holy Spirit based on Old Testament?

- 3) Read Acts 2:1 – 13, 41 **Pentecost : Greek for 50th**

Notice vs 2 Suddenly

### **Why this Day?**

Hebrew calendar: Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) - happened on the Day

**Lev 23:** Passover ( I Co 5:7) , Feast of Unleavened Bread, First Fruits (I Co 15: 20 – 23)

Feast of Weeks: Harvest Of beginning- about giving God the first fruits and trusting Him for the rest.

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2 Loaves made with yeast Jews & Gentiles

**Deuteronomy 16: 9 – 12:** 7 weeks+ next day = 50 days

Vs 11: who celebrates? All inclusive

Notice Acts 2: 17 – 21- see the tie to Deut 16- we are seeing fulfilled prophecy.

Notice Acts 2: 41 Pentecost represents the birth of the church. These 3,000 are the first harvest in the church-

#### 4) **Pentecost= giving of the Law**

**Old Covenant:** (Ex 19:6) If \_\_\_\_\_ then \_\_\_\_\_  
Old Covenant is the law

Read Hebrews 8:6 - 13

**New Covenant:** Luke 22: 20 "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Acts 2: 17 Holy Spirit poured out on a people who couldn't keep the law

Feast of Pentecost - tradition, stay up all night and talk about the Torah.

#### **Celebration of the Law.**

**Read Ezekiel 1:4** " I looked and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north.- an immense cloud with flashing lightening and surrounded by brilliant light. The center of the fire looked like glowing metal,..."

(4 faces vs 4 – 18) lion=  
Ox =  
Man =  
Eagle =  
Wings that move all directions =  
Eyes =

Compare Acts 2: 2 – 3

*Ruach* (Hebrew) *Pneuma* (Greek) = Spirit, wind, and breath

John 3:8

#### 5) **Birthday of the Church**

2 will become One : Ephesians 2: 11 – 22

2 loaves (Jews & Gentiles)

Word given and Spirit Poured out (Acts 2: 17 – 18)

Church = Body of Christ

Genesis- at creation, God breathed (ruach) into Adam the breath of life

This mighty wind- re-creation, New Birth on the Body of Christ

For us, at salvation, God breathes into us the breath of life

6) **Divided tongues of fire fell on each one of them** (I Corinthians 12: 4 – 7, 11) .... "To each one is given"

*Our Spiritual Gifts are given to you, but not for you!*

Empowerment: allows you to do what you can't do naturally

I Co 12:18

Eph 4:7

Acts 2: 4 – 8 each shares so others will understand.

7) **Holy Spirit Poured out:** Isaiah 44:3

All it takes is - "Are you thirsty?"

8) **Saved** Acts 2: 21