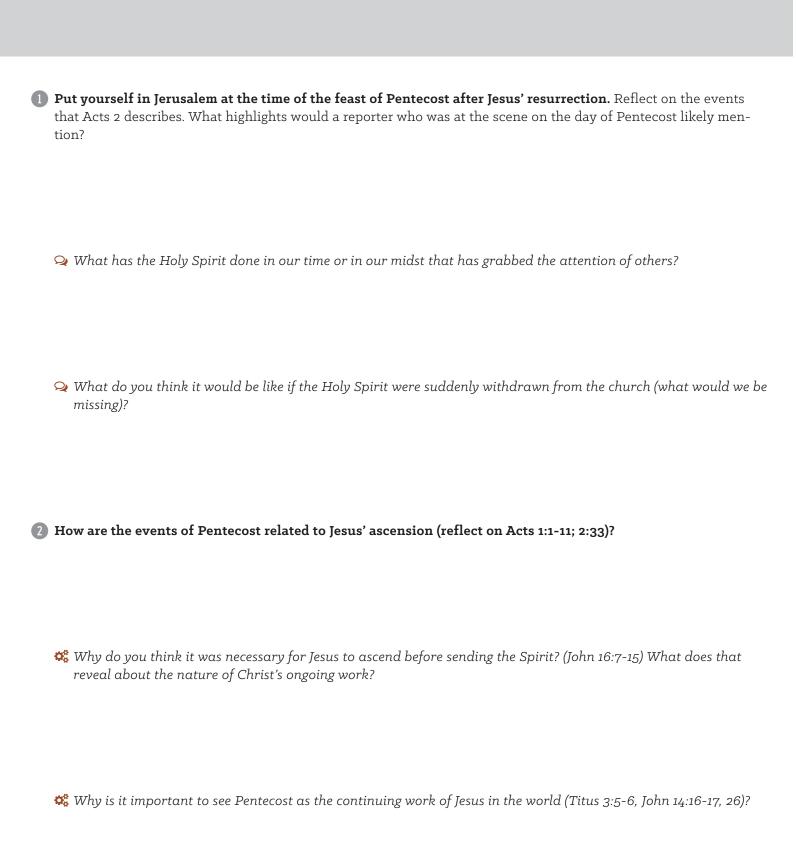
THE SPIRIT AND THE CHURCH DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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OPENING UP: What comes to your mind when the Holy Spirit is mentioned? How have your life and ministry been affected by the gift of the Holy Spirit?



3	At Pentecost, the Spirit miraculously gifted the Apostles with the ability to speak in languages that previously did not know. Discuss the gift of tongues in Acts 2 and why it was important for the spread of the gospel. What clues are we given that Pentecost signals the intent of the Great Commission (see Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:19-20)?
	What could be the missiological significance of people from all over the Mediterranean region hearing the disciples speak in their own native languages?
4	In Acts 2:37, the people who heard Peter's sermon were "cut to the heart." Have ever been cut to the heart by your sin and Christ's cross? What is that experience like?
	♥ How should our own response to scripture be informed by what happened at Pentecost? (Heb 4:12, Luke 24:32, 2 Cor. 7:9-10, James 1:22-25 Isaiah 66:2)
5	In what ways is the work of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost similar to or different from his working in the Old Testament?
	☐ In what way is the work of the Holy Spirit critical to the church accomplishing its mission? (John 16:13, Acts 13:2-4, Eph 4:3-4, John 16:8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11, 2 Corinthians 3:18)
	Why is it appropriate to speak of Pentecost as a unique, unrepeatable day? What makes it unique?
	Recognizing its uniqueness, in what ways are the implications of Pentecost experienced by individual believers today? What implications does it have on the church?