

**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?

**1 Put yourself in Jerusalem at the time of the feast of Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection.** Reflect on the events that Acts 2 describes. What highlights would a reporter who was at the scene on the day of Pentecost likely mention?

*🗨️ What has the Holy Spirit done in our time or in our midst that has grabbed the attention of others?*

*🗨️ What do you think it would be like if the Holy Spirit were suddenly withdrawn from the church (what would we be missing)?*

**2 How are the events of Pentecost related to Jesus' ascension (reflect on Acts 1:1-11; 2:33)?**

*⚙️ Why do you think it was necessary for Jesus to ascend before sending the Spirit? (John 16:7-15) What does that reveal about the nature of Christ's ongoing work?*

*⚙️ Why is it important to see Pentecost as the continuing work of Jesus in the world (Titus 3:5-6, John 14:16-17, 26)?*

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?*