

Church on Fire

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The Big Acts Question:

What would it look like to lift up our eyes, see people on God's heart, and move in step with the Holy Spirit out of our comfort zones and fully into the appointments and assignments God has for us, that the life and love of Jesus in us might be multiplied through us?

- What is Pentecost?
 - o The fulfillment of a feast
 - o The outpouring of the Spirit
 - o The inauguration of the Last Days
 - o The birth of the church
- Marks of a Church on Fire:
 - o Fueled by the Holy Spirit
 - o Focused on reaching all peoples
 - o Featuring the whole church
 - o Fluent in the gospel

JOURNAL ASSIGNMENTS

Go on <https://joshuaproject.net/> and write down at least three things you learn about unreached people groups. Consider write down the name of a people group to learn about and pray for.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. In your own words, describe what happened on Pentecost.
3. How do you think the first Christians felt when they felt the wind and saw the tongues of fire over them?
4. Read Ezekiel 36:26-27. What is being described in these verses? What does it mean for us today?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-14. According to these verses, when is a person baptized by the Spirit and what is the result of that experience?
6. Read Ephesians 5:15-20. What does it mean to be "filled with the Spirit" in these verses? How do you think one can be more or less "filled with the Spirit"? (Consider Galatians 5:19-26).
7. What are some specific and practical ways a church can be focused on reaching all peoples? What are some things that could hinder this effort or distract from it? What are some things that could strengthen this effort?
8. What might it look like to better engage with unreached peoples in our own communities and neighborhoods? What are some practical steps one could take to build purposeful relationships with such peoples?
9. How would you rate your gospel fluency? How able are you to share the gospel in a clear and contextualized way with others? How could you grow in this?
10. Spend some time praying to be filled with the Holy Spirit and be responsive to God!

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Read and meditate on Acts 2. Memorize Acts 1:8.

Read "What is Pentecost" – <https://bit.ly/whatispentecost>

Read "The Baptism and Indwelling of the Spirit"

– <https://bit.ly/baptismindwelling>

Read "Seven Feasts that Point to Christ"

– <https://bit.ly/sevenfeasts>

Listen to "I've Witnessed It"

– <https://bit.ly/ivewitnessedit>

Listen to "Wonderful Merciful Savior" – <https://bit.ly/wmsavior>

Read *The Power of the Holy Spirit's Names* by Tony Evans

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