

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

CONNECT

What do you think it looks or feels like when the Holy Spirit is at work? Share any stories you might have.

LEARN & APPLY

Take turns reading Acts 2 out loud (feel free to skip words you don't know) and imagine yourself in this scene. What would your reaction be to this experience?

The Holy Spirit is:

PERSONAL (so we know this saving love of Jesus is for us). Read Acts 2:8, 11. What does this say about the personal nature of God's relationship with us? What 'language' does the Holy Spirit use to speak to you? How do you listen for him?

POWERFUL (so we know this comes from God, not us, and is meant to change us). Acts 2:17-18 (a quote from Joel) lists three things the Holy Spirit will enable that rely on God's power alone. Read and list the three. Why do you think Peter lifted up these gifts at Pentecost? What does this scripture from Joel reveal about who God will use? Why was this important, then and today? (Other gifts: Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11.)

PURPOSEFUL (empowered to bear witness to Jesus). Read John 16:12-15. What does Jesus teach us the Holy Spirit will do in this verse? How does knowing this inspire you to pray differently for the Holy Spirit's work in your life?

PRAY

Pray together: "Come Holy Spirit! Help us experience that you are personal, powerful, purposeful. Show us these things this week: (speak other prayers of praise and request here).