



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, May 28, 2023

The Holy Spirit Fire

Read/Reflect

1. Have someone read Acts 2:1-13 out loud for the group. Then read it again a second time individually in silence. What are the things that stand out to you from this passage?
2. What other images of “fire” from Scripture can you think of in connection to God? How might they be related to understanding the Holy Spirit?
3. How does this passage in Acts 2 shape the way you understand being filled with the Holy spirit?

Explore

1. Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit as our “helper” (John 14) and yet some Christians are intimidated or unsure about the Holy Spirit. What do you think might be the reasons for such attitudes toward the Holy spirit? Has there ever been a time when you were intimidated or unsure about the Holy Spirit?
2. Acts 2:14-41 is Peter’s response when some of the Jews mocked the believers speaking in tongues (“declaring the wonders of God” in languages other than their mother tongue) after having been filled with the Holy Spirit. But there were other Jews who responded with amazement and curiosity. How would you have responded if you were there? Has there ever been a time when you have witnessed the manifestation of the Holy Spirit? How did you respond then?
3. Has there been a time when the Holy Spirit has enabled you to do something that you wouldn’t have been able to do apart from His enabling? Take a moment to share your story with the group.
4. Does what happened at Pentecost excite you? Do you think something like this could happen today? Why or why not?

Pray

- In what area(s) of your life do you wish to experience the Holy Spirit’s work more? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Himself to you specifically in relation to that area(s) of your life.
- Acts 1:14 tells us that the believers “joined together constantly in prayer” in Jerusalem waiting for the “gift” (i.e. the Holy Spirit) that God has promised. Although what happened at Pentecost wasn’t the *result* of their praying, it certainly led them to be expectant for what God was about to do. What practical steps can you take this week to increase expectancy for what God might do in your life?