



Sermon  
Discussion  
Guide

Sunday, May 19, 2024

# ACTS: The Heart of the Church

## The Story of Pentecost – Acts 2:1-13

### Read/Reflect

1. Summarize in 2-3 sentences what is happening in this passage.
2. What is the significance of wind and fire in this story? What OT examples can you think of that's connected to the presence of God showing up in wind and/or fire? How might they be connected to this story in Acts 2?
3. What was the outcome of the Holy Spirit coming to the apostles? What was the response of the crowd?

### Explore

1. When you hear the phrase “Heart of \_\_\_\_\_,” what do you think it means?
2. In your own words, what would you say is the “heart” of the Church?
3. Would you say gathering together as God’s people is important and necessary? Why or why not?
4. What would you say is the role of the Holy Spirit in the Church?
5. How would you define “worship”? Do you see this as the “heart” of the Church? Why or why not?
6. How is Mission connected to worship? How are they connected in your own life? If they are not connected, why not?

### Pray

- End your meeting by praying this prayer together:  
“Almighty God,  
you sent your presence to guide your people and prophets to proclaim your word;  
you sent your Son, Jesus, the Word, to announce the good news of the kingdom, to seek and save the lost. Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to your church, your missionary people. Fill us and enable us, send us out with your power to bear witness, declaring to all nations and people the promise of the gospel, salvation in Jesus.  
Amen.”

(adapted from *Seeking God's Face: Praying the Bible through the Year* by Philip F. Reinders)