

w/b 10th January 2016 - LIFE APPLICATION - Study questions for small groups

THEME: THE HOLY SPIRIT ARRIVES - Pentecost (Tim Cowles)

PASSAGE: ACTS CH 2

INTRODUCTION

Last Sunday we had a bit of introductory teaching on who the Holy Spirit is. We learnt that he is spirit, that he is God and that he is both a person and personal. In part 2 of our 'Life in the Spirit' series, Tim Cowles looked at Pentecost and some details about how the Holy Spirit arrived in power upon the early church. As we study these events in Acts 2, we want to:

- a) Get to know the person of the Spirit a little bit more.
- b) Have a think about how he both transforms and equips us.
- c) Continue to be thirsty for him to fill us on an ongoing basis.

LAUNCH

- Make a list of the various physical power sources that you have in your life.
- Which ones are the most useful and why?
- How is the Holy Spirit like or not like these sources?

DISCOVERY

- Have you ever been at a meeting, service or event where you have sensed or seen the Spirit move in a powerful way?
- Read Acts 2:1-13. Explain how you would have felt if you had been one of Jesus' followers and had witnessed the events of verses 1-4
- What was the reaction of the crowd gathered in Jerusalem?
- What led them to their conclusions?
- What explanation does Peter give for the strange events that were occurring?

APPLICATION

- Think about the last time you shared the gospel with a friend. What elements of Peter's speech did you include and what elements were missing? Why do you think that was?
- Why do we not see a response to the gospel today compared to what Peter saw at Pentecost? Is there anything we can do?
- To whom is the Holy Spirit available? Why is this?
Why do people sometimes think that they are ineligible to receive the Spirit?
- How do we become more empowered and open to being led by the Spirit?
What might our lives look like if we were?
- Spend time in your groups praying for one another to be filled with the Spirit.

Questions in this study provided by: Meeting the Spirit: Douglas Connelly – Lifebuilder series & Acts – Life application study series/ assorted contributors/ Tyndale house.

Some questions have been rephrased or adjusted.