

Pentecost Sunday 2021
Small Group Discussion Questions

PUBLIC WORSHIP DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The global pandemic COVID-19 has forced us to adjust and adapt how we do church and stay connected to one another as a congregation. We're not closed as a church, we're just doing church differently! So, please stay connected to the body at Grantham Church. Join our congregation for worship in-person with restrictions or online at 10:30 am each Sunday morning via our Grantham Church YouTube Channel. For more information, please go to the [Grantham Church Live](#) page at our website.

As usual, the sermons will be posted to the [recent sermons page](#) on our website and at the [Grantham Church Podcast](#) the following day, along with the small group discussion questions under Worship Resources. Thank you for staying connected with us!

Sunday, May 23rd 2021



Sermon Title: The Energy and Influence of the Holy Spirit

Scripture Reading: John 16:7-13; Acts 2:1-13; Romans 8:5-13; Galatians 5:13-25

Sermon Focus: If it weren't for the Holy Spirit, there would be no Church. Jesus sent the Spirit to us so that we would have access to his peace, power, and provision. That's why the Apostle Paul said that we must keep in step with the Spirit if we're going to follow Jesus and live into the Kingdom. Listen as Pastor David helps us to understand our need for the Holy Spirit and how we can experience his energy and influence.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person, by phone, or video call. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Watch the Bible Project [video on the Holy Spirit](#) again as a group. What do you think of this story and explanation of the Spirit's work in the world? What do you find most helpful about the video? What is God saying to you through it?
2. Read Acts 2:1-13 together. The coming Spirit was associated with the last days when all would have access to God's power, calling, and gifts (e.g. Joel 2:28-32)—to receive the Spirit is to have the ability to be like Moses, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Deborah, Miriam, etc. Where the Spirit only rested with certain individuals in the Old Testament, Jesus has now given the Spirit to *all* who would receive him. Why is this so significant? What is lost if we don't believe and teach this truth?
3. The Scriptures indicate that believers receive an initial "baptism of the Spirit" but may also continue to be "filled with the Spirit" as you grow in the Lord and are called to accomplish certain callings and tasks. Share about how you have experienced this in your own life and faith journey. Give specific examples.
4. Pastor David said that we've been given the Holy Spirit so that we might experience God's peace, power, and provision. Which of these do you feel that you need more of in your life right now? Share why that is the case and what you believe the Lord is calling you to do to receive more of these things.
5. The Apostle Paul said that we should "live by the Spirit" and "keep in step with the Spirit" each day (Gal 5:25). Pastor David said that we can do this through:
 1. Active Awareness – looking and listening for the Spirit at work
 2. Persistent Prayer – being intentional in regular prayer
 3. Christian Community – learning and discerning with other disciples

Discuss what a healthy practice of each of these can look like in your walk.

6. As we can see in the first chapters of Acts, the Church would never have come into the world if it weren't for Christ giving us his Spirit. In what ways would you like to experience more of the Spirit in your life? In what ways would you like to see more of the Spirit at work in Grantham Church? Stop and pray for each other and our church. Pray for specific things you'd like to see God do in us and through us in the days ahead. Cry out to God for a move of his Spirit!