



DISCUSSION GUIDE

WK 5: The Spirit-Filled Church

SERIES OVERVIEW

The book of Acts tells the story of the gospel advancing from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. As we walk through this missional narrative together, our prayer is that God would breathe fresh wind into our sails—motivating and inspiring us to join Him in the work He's still doing today.

[Book of Acts Video Overview](#)

CONTEXT

In Acts 2:22-41, Peter addresses the crowd, declaring Jesus as the Messiah, attested by God through miracles, and resurrected from the dead. His powerful message leads to the conviction and baptism of about three thousand people, marking the birth of the early church.

THE BIG IDEA

Spirit-filled churches are devoted churches – devoted to God, one another, and the mission of Jesus.

ICEBREAKER

Let's go "old school" with our icebreaker and play a round of TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE. Here's how it's played. Each person or couple will think of 2 truths (things they have actually done, seen, experienced, accomplished) and 1 lie (something made up or false that will fool the group into thinking you may have done it). Each person will share their 2 Truths and a Lie with the group. The group has to decide which one was the lie. You're trying to get the group to guess the wrong lie. Have fun and learn things about each other.

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:22-41

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.



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GROUP DISCUSSION

(Refer to Week 6 of your ACTS Journal.)

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

Read Acts 2:42-27 together as a group. As you're reading this passage, underline the things that were going on in their community as a result of the Holy Spirit's work among the people.

As you look at the spirit-filled community and all that was happening in their midst, what do you see present in our church today?

Of the things you underlined in the passage, which one is the most difficult to imagine or commit to in our culture today and why?
(Example: selling their possession AND giving to those in need)

As you read through verses 42-47 notice how the ministry of the Holy Spirit is both personal and communal. Read I Corinthians 12:7 and I Peter 4:10-11 and discuss how they relate to verses 42-47 concerning how the Spirit's ministry is personal & communal.

Share a time when the Holy Spirit ministered to you personally or through you to help someone else. (Allow others to ask questions)

These verses paint us a word picture of what a Spirit-Filled Church looks like. Discuss **The Marks of a Spirit-Filled Church** list (top of the right hand column) and work together to put the verse number by each one that correlates to the mark of a Spirit-filled church. (See example in list)

The Marks of a Spirit-Filled Church

- Spirit-filled devotion. (vs. 42)
- Spirit-filled unity.
- Spirit-filled miracles.
- Spirit-filled gratitude.
- Spirit-filled consistency.
- Spirit-filled worship.
- Spirit-filled generosity.
- Spirit-filled influence.
- Spirit-filled movement.
- Spirit-filled evangelism.

What is the difference between something that is Spirit-filled and something that is something that is done in our own power and giftedness? For example, what's the difference between gratitude and Spirit-filled gratitude? Work through the list above and discuss the difference for each mark of a Spirit-Filled Church.

PRAYER (In gender based groups)

*Share praises, answered prayers, and prayer requests.

*Celebrate baptisms from the weekend and thank God for what he did in your heart.

*Pray for our Cass White Location.

Closing Prayer (together as a group)

Holy Spirit, thank you for your movement in our church and community. Continue to breathe your fresh wind over us empowering us to be the church and people that bring glory to you above all. God may you find us a people that is surrendered to your will and your ways. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.