



The Code

“ Deciphering the Work of the Holy Spirit ”

1. Lives Will Always Be Changed vv. 1-4a

2. The Gospel Will Always Be Proclaimed vv. 4b-12



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- a) Read Acts 2:1-4a. What metaphors did Luke use to describe the Holy Spirit? Why was this important?
- b) What was the result of the Holy Spirit coming? (i.e., "filled") How does this relate to Point #1? Be specific.
- c) Why will Point #1 happen to every believer? In what way have you experienced this truth? (i.e., before and after)

Point #2

- a) Read Acts 2:4b-12. What was the response of non-believers to the arrival of the Holy Spirit? Why?
- b) In what way did the miracle of tongues (i.e., languages) set-up an opportunity for the Gospel? (c.f., Acts 2:13)
- c) How did this also fulfill Acts 1:8? Given the truth of Point #2, how does this challenge you? Why?

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read Acts 1:7-8, 12-15, 2:1-4a, Exodus 23:16

- Why did Jesus tell the disciples to stay in Jerusalem? How many disciples were present? What did Pentecost refer to?
- What were the disciples doing in the upper room? What does this highlight about what proceeds the work of the Holy Spirit?
- In what way can you apply this truth this week? How does this also encourage you to be mindful of the Holy Spirit?

TUESDAY // Read Acts 2:1-4a, Exodus 3:2, Matthew 3:11, John 3:8

- What imagery did Luke use to describe the arrival of the Holy Spirit? Why would this have been familiar to Jews?
- In what way does this also highlight the power and presence of the Holy Spirit? Why is this important? Be specific.
- As you consider the trinity and work of the Spirit in your life, how does this adjust your current perspective?

WEDNESDAY // Read Acts 2:1-4a, John 3:1-3, Ephesians 1:13-14, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Titus 3:5

- Why is it important to understand that every person (120) were "filled" with the Holy Spirit?
- How does this apply to Jesus' discussion with Nicodemus? What does this reveal about every true Christian today?
- In what way have you experienced this truth? Be specific. Why is this critical to live the victorious Christian life?

THURSDAY // Read Acts 2:4a, John 14:16-17, 17:17, Galatians 5:22, 2 Corinthians 13:5

- Given the Holy Spirit is God's promise to every believer, what are some ways this can be measured? (i.e., fruit)
- In what way should the spirit of "truth" impact the way you read the Bible and convict you of sin?
- Why is it important for every Christian to self-examine themselves? How does this challenge or encourage you?

FRIDAY // Read Acts 2:4-12, 10:45-48, 19:1-7, Mark 16:17, 1 Cor. 12:8-10, 13:1-2, 8, 14:4-6, 18-19, 22

- As you read about the miracle of "tongues" (i.e., languages) what was the context for its first appearance?
- In what way did non-believers experience this miracle? How did this ultimately relate to evangelism?
- How do you see this different than today's definition and expression of tongues? What does this teach you?

SATURDAY // Read Acts 1:7-8, 2:12-13a, John 16:8-9, 13-14, Matthew 28:19-20, Romans 10:15

- In your own words, explain the ministry of the Holy Spirit as it relates to Jesus? How does Mat. 28:19-20 apply?
- What does this highlight about the priority of the Holy Spirit in fulfilling this mandate? (i.e., "I am with you always")
- How does it make you feel knowing the Holy Spirit is an evangelist, missionary, ambassador for Jesus? How about you?

MEDITATION VERSE: *¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.*

2 Corinthians 5:17-18