

Acts: Encountering the Holy Spirit

Small Group Questions: A Spirit-Filled Church

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Read

Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-4 and 2:37-47; Luke 24:46-49

Reflect

Acts is a story of a group of people in over their heads. Jesus commissioned his followers to be his witnesses and to spread the Good News of his resurrection to the world—a daunting task. In Acts, we see God send the Holy Spirit in the form of fire, its flames coming alive in each believer. When faced with something overwhelming, how hard is it for you to step out in faith and tap into the Source? Have you accepted the gift of the Holy Spirit?

Pastor Josh Surratt describes what a spirit-filled church is devoted to today:

1. It is devoted to God's Word.

- a. What was the purpose of the Holy Spirit causing people to speak in tongues at Pentecost?
- b. How much time are you spending studying or listening to the Word of God?
- c. How has the Holy Spirit spoken to you through the Word lately?

2. It is devoted to each other.

- a. What do you think keeps people from gathering together with other believers, whether in church or small groups?
- b. What part can you play in changing that?
- c. Why is it important to be devoted to each other?

3. It is devoted to God's presence.

- a. When have you felt the power and presence of God?
- b. How hard is it to ask God if there is anything in your life that is displeasing to him?

4. It is devoted to prayer.

- a. What have you been trying to accomplish in your own power?
- b. When have you witnessed the true power of prayer?

5. It is devoted to generosity.

- a. How can you be more generous with others? (financial, time, encouragement, etc.)
- b. How is the Holy Spirit being expressed in your life? What should you do next?

Respond:

Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?