

May 24, 2026

When the Holy Spirit Comes

Acts 2

This Pentecost Sunday, we continued a sermon series entitled “*Empowered to Bear Witness to Jesus’ Kingdom.*” This series focuses on how the risen and ascended Jesus empowers his disciples for mission through the gift of the outpoured Holy Spirit.

Small Group Questions

- 1. Read Acts 2:1-13. What stands out to you most about the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost?**
- 2. Why do you think God enabled the disciples to speak in many languages?**
- 3. Read verses 14-36. What are the main points of Peter’s sermon? How does Peter explain the meaning of what happened at Pentecost?**
- 4. Read verses 42-47. What did the new Spirit empowered church prioritize in their common life?**
- 5. Which characteristics of the church in Acts 2 most challenges or inspires you?**
- 6. How can we cultivate this kind of fellowship as a church today? What are ways we can either help or hinder the work of the Spirit in our midst?**

Closing Prayer

Close in a time of prayer that focuses on an ancient prayer called the *epiclesis*: “Come Holy Spirit”.

This prayer does not suggest that the Holy Spirit is not already present but rather opens us to the awareness of His presence and welcomes Him to come in a fresh way into our lives, the church, and our world.

You might offer intercessions along the following lines: “Come Holy Spirit for...”

You might offer prayers of thanksgiving: “Thank you Holy Spirit for how you...”