

# Sermon Discussion Questions for Small Groups

Week of October 8  
Sermon Titled: "The Power of Pentecost"

**Main Points:** 1) Promise of the Holy Spirit, 2) The Holy Spirit is a Person, 3) Presence of the Holy Spirit, 4) Power in the Holy Spirit.

**Open in Prayer. Read Acts 2:1-4.**

## Discussion Questions

1. Consider Luke's use of "when" in Acts 2:1 as anticipation of fulfillment (cf. Acts 1:4, Luke 9:51). What do you learn about God's character?
2. Read Exodus 19:18 (fire) and 2 Sam. 22:16, Ps. 33:6 (wind / breath) considering Luke 2:2-3. How does this imagery help us understand the Holy Spirit as the third person of the Trinity?
3. Read Acts 2:4. What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit? Based on that, why do not have a second baptism of the Spirit?

## Application Questions

1. Where do you find yourself nostalgic for times past in the church? How can God use this longing to positively impact the present?
2. Discuss this quote: "Pentecost means that the Spirit is now present and active in the covenant community on the basis, and as the climax, of the finished redemptive accomplishment of Christ. The gift of the Spirit is nothing less than the gift of Christ himself to the church... In this sense the gift of the Spirit is the crowning achievement of Christ's work."<sup>1</sup>
3. Two of the Spirit's roles are to illuminate and transform. Share ways you see the Spirit at work in your life.

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for ways that you can fan into flame the gift of God, His Holy Spirit, and that you would not have a spirit of fear, but of power and love and self-control (2 Tim. 1:6-7). Pray also for the Sheds of Hope that PCPC is building and for the gospel to be shared through them.

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<sup>1</sup> Richard Gaffin, "Perspectives on Pentecost"