

No doubt, it will take Holy Spirit power to reach this young generation for Christ. Prayer is the incense on the altar and the Holy Spirit is the precious anointing oil. Like anointing oil, God's Spirit heals and prepares us for service. The Lord wants to do a new thing in you. Are you willing to lay your life on the altar, to humble yourself before the Lord and let fire from heaven burn away what is corrupt in you?

4. Consider where your heart is, right now this moment. What is God's Spirit communicating to you?

The Holy Spirit is compelling me to _____.

God's Spirit wants to burn away my _____.

The Holy Spirit is convicting me to _____.

I willingly stand and surrender my _____ to the Father.

*Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
(Acts 2:37-38)*

One Year Bible Reading

Mar. 22: Numbers 33:40-35:34, Luke 5:12-28, Psalm 65:1-13, Proverbs 11:23
Mar. 23: Numbers 36:1-Deut. 1:46, Luke 5:29-6:11, Psalm 66:1-20, Prov.11:24-26
Mar. 24: Deuteronomy 2:1-3:29, Luke 6:12-38, Psalm 67:1-7, Proverbs 11:27
Mar. 25: Deuteronomy 4:1-49, Luke 6:39-7:10, Psalm 68:1-18, Proverbs 11:28
Mar. 26: Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25, Luke 7:11-35, Psalm 68:19-35, Proverbs 11:29-31
Mar. 27: Deuteronomy 7:1-8:20, Luke 7:36-8:3, Psalm 69:1-18, Proverbs 12:1
Mar. 28: Deuteronomy 9:1-10:22, Luke 8:4-21, Psalm 69:19-36, Proverbs 12:2-3



Week 2

Text: Acts 2:14-21, 32-41

The Plain Truth

The Church was _____ by the Spirit so all _____ could be _____.

- 1) This Spirit was poured out on all _____ to reach all _____.**
 - a) Generationz- _____ of Millennials are unchurched.**
 - b) The _____ Gospel for the _____ world, Jews and Arabs.**

- 2) All can be _____....our Mission drives what we do at Christ Church.**
 - a) Raise _____**
 - b) Raise _____**
 - c) Raise a generation of world _____ to help _____ their generation.**

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Generationz - Week 2

Life Group Lesson



Week of March 22

In Acts, chapter two, Luke reports of an unprecedented event—an event etched from before the beginning of time on God’s calendar—glorious fire from heaven ignites those who have confessed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Luke says what looked like flames or tongues of fire appear and settle on each person, and everyone present is filled with the Holy Spirit. It soon becomes clear that God is doing a new thing. Pentecost is the birthday of the New Testament church.

Peter is among the first to be set ablaze and explains with clarity what is happening. With boldness Peter says, “what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophecy... But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved’” (Acts 2:16-18, 21).

Read Acts 2:22-41

1. What precedes the indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit, according to Peter’s words in v38?

Who receives this promised gift according to v39?

What is unique (or different) about a person who is filled with the indwelling presence of God?

How would you describe a church empowered with “fire from on high?”

The Holy Spirit makes all the difference! In fact, “no one can say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit” (see 1 Corinthians 12:3). When John the Baptist was asked as to whether or not he was the expected Messiah, he said, “I baptize you with water, but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire” (see Luke 3:15-16). Like fire from the brazen altar the Holy Spirit purifies us and draws us to God.

The Holy Spirit also marks us (identifies us) as God’s very own children. The Holy Spirit then gives us supernatural ability to understand the will of our Father, along with a compelling desire to do His work. Paul says, “He has commissioned us, and He has identified us as His own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything He has promised us” (2 Corinthians 1:21-22). The Holy Spirit is our direct connection to God.

2. From both the Old and New Testaments we are given much information about the Holy Spirit. Read the following Scriptures, and in 3 words or less write what you learn about the Holy Spirit beside each reference. Specifically, note how God’s Spirit is working and for what purpose:

Witness of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament—

Genesis 1:1-2 (upon creation)

Numbers 11:16-17, 24-30 (during the days of Moses)

Psalms 51:7-13 (in desperation David confesses his need for the Holy Spirit)

Ezekiel 2:1-5 and 3:4-11 (during the time of the exile)

Zechariah 4:1-7 (rebuilding of temple upon return of exiles to Judah)

Witness of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament—

Luke 11:9-13 (Jesus teaches about persistence in prayer)

John 14:23-26, and 16:5-15 (the last supper, the eve Jesus’ suffering began)

Romans 8:26-27 (Paul—missionary to the Gentiles—letter to the church in Rome)

1 Corinthians 2:7-12 (first letter to the church at Corinth)

Ephesians 1:9-14 (letter to believers in Ephesus)

The Holy Spirit has existed from the beginning, and throughout time has been at work drawing man into a relationship with God. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit gave birth to the church, and according to Peter’s message, the Father not only raised Jesus from the dead, but God gave His Son the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us (see Acts 2:32-33). Jesus told His disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they received power from on high. The Holy Spirit was the power that would spark Christ’s redemptive work in the world. Christ’s death on the cross put an end to sin so the indwelling presence of God could be at home in the hearts of believing men and women.

3. Why is the indwelling presence of God’s Spirit absolutely imperative if we are to carry out Christ’s mission in the world?

What happens when an individual attempts to “win the lost” apart from Holy Spirit power?

What happens when a church attempts to “win the lost” apart from Holy Spirit power?