

## **Life Group Questions – June 9, 2019**

### **Pentecost—The Coming of the Spirit**

1. What has been your understanding of Pentecost? Have you celebrated it before or has it had a significant place in your Christian tradition? What is your relationship with the Holy Spirit? Does he seem to take third place in your thoughts of God?
2. When you examine your life, school, or work environment, how much unity is there with your family, co-workers or friends? Given the current cultural and political climate, how can we strive for unity and what role does the Holy Spirit play in this effort? Can we be united with people who disagree with us?
3. On the back page of the bulletin, we listed a number of works of the Holy Spirit (it can be downloaded here: <http://bit.ly/HolySpiritWorks>). Which areas do you see the Holy Spirit already working in your life and which areas do you need to yield more to the Spirit of God? Read Galatians 5:22-23 (the fruit of the Spirit) and 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 (some of the gifts of the Spirit). Evaluate your life in light of these Scriptures. Is your life bearing these fruits and operating in some of these gifts?
4. Consider some of the patriarchs, judges, kings, and prophets in the Old Testament. In what ways can we see the Spirit of God coming upon them to accomplish a certain task or mission? Make a list of specific actions, gifts, or methods of empowerment that the Holy Spirit used to fulfill his will in the Old Testament times. These were all a precursor to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament times.
5. In the New Testament time, the Lord calls us into the prophethood of all believers where we are empowered by the Spirit to fulfill the mission of God. How can the Spirit empower and use you today to fulfill his will? In what areas of your life do you need more of the Spirit's power or infilling to be a witness of Christ? Read Acts 1:8; 10:38; and Luke 4:18-19. Pray that the same Spirit that rested upon Jesus would rest upon our church to make us all Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered, Mission-focused people, multiplying disciples everywhere. Who can you invite to Alpha this September?