

The Power of the Gathering

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
Pastor Jacob Howell – 10.12.2025

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Summary:

- This week, Pastor Jacob dove into Acts 2, exploring the Day of Pentecost and the profound implications it has for our church today. We examined how the gathering of believers creates a unique expression of God's presence and power. The sermon highlighted the universal nature of the gospel, emphasizing that it's for everyone, everywhere. We also saw how the Holy Spirit empowers us to be witnesses and fulfill our mission as a church.

Key Takeaways:

1. The gathering of believers creates a unique expression of God's presence.
2. God chose to reveal Himself through wind and fire at Pentecost to draw attention and demonstrate His power.
3. The gift of tongues at Pentecost was a sign of reconciliation and unity among all people.
4. The Holy Spirit empowers all believers, not just church leaders, to spread the Gospel.
5. The power of the gathering results in spiritual harvest and transformation.

Discussion Questions:

1. The sermon mentions that fire draws attention and is undeniable when present. How have you experienced God's presence in a powerful, undeniable way in your life?
2. Reflect on the story of the Tower of Babel and how it relates to Pentecost. How does this demonstrate God's desire for unity among His people?
3. Pastor Jacob said, "The world wants to convince you that there's just two groups of people, with you or against you, qualified or unqualified." How does the Gospel challenge this perspective?
4. Discuss the significance of 3,000 people being baptized on the day of Pentecost. What does this teach us about the power of the Gospel?
5. How does the concept of "waiting actively" (as demonstrated by the disciples

choosing Matthias) apply to our spiritual lives today?

6. The sermon states, "People made complete in Jesus make complete teams that complete the church to complete the mission." How can we apply this principle in our local church context?
7. What does it mean to you that saying "Jesus is Lord" is evidence of the Holy Spirit working in your life?

Practical Applications:

1. Identify one area in your life where you need to "wait actively" for God's power or direction. What steps can you take this week to prepare yourself?
2. Reflect on your spiritual team. Are there gaps you need to fill? Consider reaching out to someone in the church to mentor you or someone you could mentor.
3. Challenge yourself to share the Gospel with someone this week, relying on the power of the Holy Spirit.
4. Commit to regular church attendance, recognizing the power of the gathering in your spiritual growth.
5. Pray for a "harvest" in your sphere of influence, asking God to use you to reach others with the Gospel.

Closing Prayer:

Encourage group members to share any prayer requests and close the session in prayer, asking God to help everyone apply the lessons learned from the sermon in their daily lives.