

INTRO

Start by taking time to read the Scripture from the sermon.

Read Acts 2:1-13 out loud together.

What stands out to you from the story of Pentecost? What is the Holy Spirit drawing your attention to?

IDEA 1

Rob highlighted three aspects that the gift of the Holy Spirit brought on that day of Pentecost that still apply to us today.

1. A new leading through the Spirit.

- **How would you describe your experience of being led by the Holy Spirit? What does it look like, sound like, feel like in practice for you?**
- **Does anyone have a story to share about the Spirit leading them recently?**
- **What do you think are some of the modern examples of us “casting lots” as a way of making decisions?**

2. The Holy Spirit draws attention and points people to Jesus.

- **How did you see the Holy Spirit pointing people to Jesus in the service this weekend? Was there a particular moment or testimony that grabbed your attention?**
- **Is there anyone that the Holy Spirit is drawing you to in this season of your life? In what ways do you think he is using you to point them to Jesus?**

3. The Spirit celebrates diversity while guiding us in unity

- **What does it look like for us to partner in this work of celebrating diversity while being guided into unity?**
- **What does your community look like these days? Where are you in community with those different from you? Does anyone have any examples they could share?**

IDEA 2

At the end of the service, Rob invited people to go forward for baptism or a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit.

Did anyone go forward for either of those? If so, what was that experience like?

EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER

Sometimes when moments are presented to us in church for us to respond to, we may not feel ready or we may be distracted or self-conscious in front of a large crowd, but later as we look back we wish that we had responded.

Take some time now in your Life Group to see if anyone would like to receive prayer for more of the Holy Spirit. Even if you went up on Saturday or Sunday and want to be prayed for again, it's okay to ask for a double portion!

If anyone is interested in getting baptized, we'd love to hear from you. You can email Cary at cwood@salemalliance.org to let her know and she'll get you the next step info you need.

PRACTICE FOR THIS WEEK

What can you do this week to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit?

- Maybe it's simply spending time to thank God each day this week in prayer for this gift.
- Maybe it's organizing a feast with friends and leaving a sit at the table for the Holy Spirit as your honored guest
- Or maybe the greatest way to honor and celebrate the Holy Spirit this week is to give him your full attention. As you wake up each day, pray "Come Holy Spirit" and respond to whatever he might bring to mind.

Take a moment to pause and listen together to the Holy Spirit and see how he might be prompting you to respond this week. Invite people to share if you have time at the end.