Pentecost Sunday How Can I be filled with the Holy Spirit? Acts 2

Welcome (10 mins)

What are you normally doing at 9am on Saturday or Sunday?

Worship (10 mins)

Consider: Jesus told us that surely he will be with us until the very end of the age (Matt 28:20). He then leaves the disciples, creating an apparent paradox, only for His Spirit to break out a few days later. We now get to worship God while encountering His Holy Spirit. Let us worship together and invite the Holy Spirit to come and be with us as we meet.

Sing: The Dove (Chords)

Word (30 mins)

Jesus has just ascended and told his disciples (Acts 1v8) that they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on them and will be witnesses to the ends of the earth. Verse 1-13 describes what happened on the day of Pentecost.

- 1. Imagine being there. What would you have seen, heard, felt, and experienced? What would be going through your mind?
- 2. Compare the posture of the disciples in John 18:25-27; John 20:19; with their posture in Acts 2?
- 3. How does Peter explain to the crowd what is going on in verses 17-21?

- 4. What is the point Peter wants them to understand about the current events (16,17, & 18)?
- 5. What tells you Joel's prophecy is coming true now?
- 6. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit's empowering to witness in your own life?

Wonder (5-10 mins)

The ancient prayer of the church "Come Holy Spirit" has been used for thousands of years. Christians have been inviting the Holy Spirit - to come to us, to move in us, to manifest God's presence among us and to minister through us with power through the world.

So, pray "Come Holy Spirit"! You might find it helpful to adopt a physical posture of openness or of receiving something. Wait (a good five minutes) for the Holy Spirit to come. Share or write down anything you sense He might be saying to you or wanting you to know.

Witness (5-10 mins)

The Holy Spirit comes on us in power to witness to the ends of the world. Is there someone He is calling you to speak to? Is there somewhere He is calling you to go to?