Pentecost

Message: Holy Spirit – The Church Begins May 24, 2015 Life Group Questions

For week of May 25, 2015

The Back Story: Acts 1

Waiting And Praying

Welcome, to prepare for this week's meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great meeting as you come together to connect, encourage one another to grow and to see God change your lives from the inside out!

The Gift of the Holy Spirit

Old testament - Came upon Time of Jesus – Dwelt with After Pentecost – Dwells in

Getting to know you.

Going Deeper

Why is waiting so hard?

strength?

Growing up, what was you impression of church?

When we receive the Holy Spirit we receive: Acts 2:1-12

- Power
- Purpose
- Perspective

How would you describe what church is to someone today?

Read Acts 1:4-5. The disciples are told to wait for the Holy Spirit. Why is it important to wait and not act on our own

Salvation and the Spirit are for all people. Acts 2:22-41

The Response (the Church) Acts 2:42-47; Luke 9:23; Philippians 2:1-4; Matthew 25:1-46; 1 Timothy 6:9-12

> The Spirit changes how we view and use our time, relationships and our possessions,

Read John 16:5-7. Is it better to be with Jesus or for him to leave?

Real Life Church Response. John 6:39; John 6:40; John 12:24; John 12:25; John 17:2; John 17:3; 1 John 5:9; 1 John 5:21

Why?

What did Luke, the author of Acts, report to Theophilus about Jesus' last days on earth (Acts 1:1-11)?	Notes:
Put yourself in the shoes of the apostles. How would you feel if you were the first to be given the task described in verse 8?	
How are we equipped for this task, according to the passage?	
How did the disciples respond to all that they had seen and heard (vv. 12-26)?	
Read Acts 2:21-36. What is there in Peter's sermon that would reassure Theophilus about his faith and help him "know the certainty of the things" that he'd been taught?	
What does Peter have to offer to those who are responsive to his message (vv. 37-39)?	
Describe the fellowship of the believers in this young church (Acts 2:42-47).	
How Can Real Life Church respond to our world with the power of the Holy Spirit? Remember you are the Church!	