



The Chapel
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Week 2: Rely on His Power
Scripture: Acts 2:1-41

1. OPEN IN PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

- Have a group member pray, invite the Holy Spirit to lead, and fill your time together.

2. GETTING STARTED: (10 MINUTES)

- Question: If you were present during the events of Pentecost described in Acts 2, what do you think your reaction would have been? Amazement, skepticism, or something else? Why?

3. READ ACTS 2:1- 5, 2:12-24, 2:33, 2:37-41 TOGETHER (5 MINUTES)

- Ask four group members to read the passage aloud.

4. DISCUSS (30 MINUTES)

Understanding the Passage:

- How have you prayed about: Knowing Christ more deeply? Allowing the Holy Spirit to give you words to share the Gospel? How has the Holy Spirit prompted you to speak about Christ's role in your life?
- Share an experience about others' response to you joyfully sharing what Christ has done or is doing in your life. How did you feel when you began sharing?
- How does daily life with the Holy Spirit living within you compare with your source of happiness before you came to Christ?
- In thinking about the Asbury revival, what role does confession have in your prayer life? How can you allow the Holy Spirit to refine, and transform you to live more fully in His power?

Applying the Message:

- In Acts 2:1-41, the 120 believers waited and prayed, received the gift of the Holy Spirit, and shared their joy of the Gospel with the many Pentecost pilgrims. 3,000 more believed and received the Holy Spirit that day. How will you pray and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you, to use your words and actions to share the Gospel, the Good News this week?
- 5. Water baptism by a believer signifies: turning from sin, turning to Christ's forgiveness and receipt of the gift of the Holy Spirit. It identifies a believer with Christ and His bride, the church.

If you have decided to follow Christ and to turn from sin, have you been baptized in water? Consider being baptized if you have repented of sin and follow Christ.

5. LIVE IT OUT: "BE MY WITNESS THIS WEEK" (10 MINUTES)

- This week, spend intentional time in prayer asking God to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Here are two simple practices:
 - **Morning Prayer:** Start each day by praying, "Holy Spirit, fill me today. Help me to rely on Your power and not my own."
 - **Act in Faith:** Step out in boldness this week — whether that's sharing your faith, praying for someone, or serving others — trusting the Spirit to lead you.
- **Challenge:** Think of one person or situation where you can rely on the Holy Spirit's power this week — sharing your faith, encouraging someone, or praying for a need. Pray: "Holy Spirit, help me rely on Your power, not my own, to be a witness this week."
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- Encourage group members to come back next week ready to share how they relied on the Spirit's power.

6. CLOSING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

- Pray for each group member to experience the Holy Spirit's presence and boldness in a specific area of their lives this week.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to empower and guide everyone to live as faithful witnesses. Top of Form