

► Outline

And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit. ...

Acts 2:4a (NLT)

A. Introduction

(Exodus 23:16; 34:22-23; Acts 1:4-5,13,15; 2:1; Romans 8:9)

B. The presence of the Holy Spirit provides...

1. _____.
(Acts 2:2-4. C/R: 1 Corinthians 12:13; 14:21-22; Galatians 3:27; Ephesians 5:18)

2. _____.
(Acts 2:5-11. C/R: Exodus 15:11; Psalm 40:5; 77:11; John 1:45-46)

3. _____.
(Acts 2:12-41. C/R: Psalm 16:8-11; 110:1; Joel 2:28-32; Matthew 13:15-16; 1 Corinthians 1:17-25)

4. _____.
(Acts 2:42-47. C/R: John 13:35; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 2 Corinthians 8:13-14; Hebrews 2:3-4; 10:24-25)

Answers: 1. Evidence 2. Effects 3. Explanation 4. Expression

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Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

Describe a time you felt physically or spiritually refreshed.

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God to help you experience His love and hear His voice as you reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [Acts 2:1-13](#).

1. What evidence revealed the Holy Spirit's presence ([vs. 1-6](#))?
2. What's the significance that people from all over the Mediterranean region were hearing the disciples speak in their own native language?
3. How did people respond to what was happening ([vs. 7-13](#))?
4. Have you ever felt an overwhelming sense of the presence of the Holy Spirit? Describe what that was like.
5. What has the Spirit done in our church or community most recently that has grabbed the attention of others? If nothing, why do you think that is?

Read [Acts 2:14-41](#).

6. How does Peter explain the amazing events that took place at Pentecost?
7. Peter quotes [Psalm 16](#), saying it is a prophecy about Jesus. Even though David wrote that Psalm, what evidence does Peter give that David couldn't possibly have been talking about himself?
8. If Peter's sermon was all you had, what would you know about Jesus? There are many truths here, list several.

Read [Acts 2:42-47](#).

9. What are spiritual and practical results of the outpouring of the Spirit?
10. In what ways have you experienced true Christian community like these early followers of Jesus? See also: [Romans 12:9-21](#); [1 Peter 4:7-11](#).
11. What steps can you take to allow the Holy Spirit to have greater influence in your life? See also: [Galatians 5:13-18](#); [Ephesians 4:17-32](#).

Spiritual Practice

[Spiritual Practices are steps we take to allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives. These aren't meant to be one-time actions, but practices that become a natural part of our lives.]

Walking with God depends on our ability to sense the Holy Spirit speaking to us and leading us. In what ways have you personally experienced the Holy Spirit? Begin each day this week asking God to help you become more aware of His Spirit and to empower you to do His work.

Memory Verse

Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." [Acts 2:38 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [Galatians 3:26-29](#)

Day 4: [Psalm 16:8-11](#)

Day 2: [Ephesians 5:15-20](#)

Day 5: [2 Corinthians 8:1-9](#)

Day 3: [John 1:29-34](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, October 4, we'll continue the series titled *Church Empowered*. To prepare, read [Acts 3](#).