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WARM UP

What's the highest place you have ever been? Why were you there? How did you feel being that high looking down?

WORD

Read **Acts 2:1-13**

Much like the ancient olympics, Paul only knew too well about the Isthmus games that would take place in the area surrounding Corinth, and he used one of the most famous sports of the games; the marathon; to depict how we should run the race of life.

NOTES

1 Fixed by His Own Authority

²⁴*When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting."*

Acts 2:24 (ESV)

¹*"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!"*

Psalms 133:1 (ESV)

One thing to note when the Holy Spirit filled the upper room where the people were gathered, was that as that they were unified, not just in location, but also unified in their objective: waiting upon the Holy Spirit and power to be witnesses for Christ (Acts 1:8). This is a beautiful example of how God shows himself when people earnestly seek him together.

- Do you have people around you that you are so unified with that they know your hearts desires and stances? What makes these people special to you?
- Have you ever pursued God in prayer and waited to hear from him? If you have, what took place? If you haven't, would you like to try now?

2 Resting Fire

³*And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Acts 2:3-4 (ESV)

Here we encounter the believers experiencing the Holy Spirit resting on them and they begin to speak as the Spirit leads and fills them with his words. What benefits do you see in being filled

with the Spirit of God, having him rest on you, and speaking his words?

3 Some Elated, Some Hated

⁷*And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."*

Acts 1:8 (ESV)

When we witness God move there are usually two reactions from people: amazement and mockery. Those who are usually amazed allow God to draw them closer towards himself. Those who mock remain on the outside, never experiencing true fulfilment that can only be found in enjoying his presence.

- Are you living a fulfilled life? Why or why not?
- Do you have a tendency towards mocking those who pursue God without limitation or are you amazed at seeing God move? Why?

PRAYER

- Would you be willing to ask God to fill you with his Holy Spirit to the point of overflow, where he leads and guides you in your words, thoughts and actions?
- Pray for those that are in need of God's amazing power to work in their lives.
- Pray for those who have hardened their hearts towards God, that he would cause their hearts to be open to the Gospel.