

NOTES



PRAYER

"Almighty God, we thank You for calling us to be Your disciples. As we gather, we ask that You activate us to become the disciples You have destined us to be. Grant us the wisdom to understand Your word and the courage to live it out daily. May Your Holy Spirit guide our hearts and minds, and may we build a community that reflects Your love and truth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

OPENING QUESTION (OPTIONAL)

"What's the funniest thing you've done out of sheer boredom, and what eventually sparked your interest or excitement to do something else?"

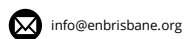
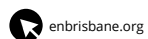


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WORD

"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. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.' And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others mocking said, 'They are filled with new wine.'"

[Acts 2:1-13 \(ESV\)](#)

In Acts 2:1-13, we see the birth of the early church, energised and unified by the Holy Spirit. This moment reflects a dynamic movement where diverse individuals became a cohesive community of disciples. Using Daniel Im's 4 quadrant model from his book "The Discipleship Opportunity," we can identify different types of individuals within this early community.



1. Seekers: Those who were curious and drawn to the commotion (Acts 2:6). They were interested in discovering more about this new movement.
2. Sleepers: Perhaps represented by those who mocked the disciples, saying they were filled with new wine (Acts 2:13). These individuals were uninterested or dismissive.
3. Consumers: The devout men from every nation who were in Jerusalem for the festival. They were initially there for religious observance but became witnesses to something greater (Acts 2:5).
4. Disciples: The apostles and early followers of Jesus who were filled with the Holy Spirit and boldly proclaimed the Gospel (Acts 2:4).

By examining the early church through this lens, we see a model for fostering a healthy culture of discipleship. The apostles' transformation from followers to empowered leaders demonstrates the potential for growth and change when individuals are open to the Holy Spirit's work.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

((NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE))

1. Which quadrant (Seeker, Sleeper, Consumer, Disciple) do you most identify with currently, and why?
2. In what ways can we support each other in our journey to becoming more committed disciples of Christ?
3. What steps can we take as a church to move from being Consumers to Disciples?
4. How does the Holy Spirit's work on the day of Pentecost challenge our understanding of church and discipleship?
5. How can we create an environment that awakens interest in those who might be 'Sleepers' within our community?

"Lord Jesus, we come before You acknowledging our need for Your guidance and lordship in our lives. We confess that we have often been content as mere consumers of Your blessings rather than active disciples. Today, we surrender our lives to You anew. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, ignite our passion for Your mission, and commission us to be Your hands and feet in this world. Empower us to share Your love and truth with those around us and to live out our faith boldly. In Your name, we pray. Amen."